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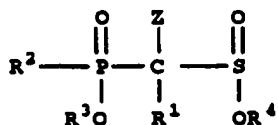
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(54) Alpha-phosphorus substituted sulfinate derivatives as squalene synthetase Inhibitors

(57) α -Phosphonosulfinate compounds are provided which inhibit the enzyme squalene synthetase and thereby inhibit cholesterol biosynthesis. These compounds have the formula

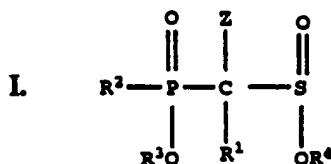


wherein R² is OR⁵ or R^{5a}; R³ and R⁵ are independently H, alkyl, arylalkyl, aryl or cycloalkyl; R^{5a} is alkyl, arylalkyl or aryl; R⁴ is H or pharmaceutically acceptable cation; Z is H, halogen, lower alkyl or lower alkenyl; and R¹ is a lipophilic group which contains at least 7 carbons and is alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, mixed alkenyl-alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, cycloheteroalkylalkyl; including pharmaceutically acceptable salts.

Description

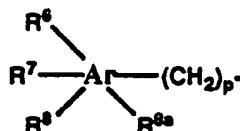
The present invention relates to new α -phosphonosulfonate compounds which are useful in inhibiting cholesterol biosynthesis by inhibiting de novo squalene production, to hypocholesterolemic and antiatherosclerotic compositions containing such compounds and to a method of using such compounds for inhibiting cholesterol biosynthesis and atherosclerosis.

In accordance with the present invention, there is provided α -phosphonosulfinate compounds which inhibit cholesterol biosynthesis, and thus are useful as hypcholesterolemic and antiatherosclerotic agents and have the following structure I.



20 including pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof and stereoisomers and enantiomers thereof;
 wherein R² is OR⁵ or R^{5a};
 R³ and R⁵ are the same or different and are H, alkyl, arylalkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, a metal ion or other pharmaceutically acceptable cations or salts as defined below; ;
 R^{5a} is alkyl, arylalkyl or aryl;

25 R⁴ is H, metal ion or other pharmaceutically acceptable cations or salts as defined below;
 Z is H, halogen, lower alkyl or lower alkenyl;
 R¹ is a lipophilic group containing at least 7 carbons and is alkyl containing 7 to 25 carbons in the chain; alkenyl containing from 7 to 25 carbon atoms in the chain and from 1 to 6 double bonds; alkynyl containing 7 to 25 carbon atoms in the chain and from 1 to 6 triple bonds; mixed alkenyl-alkynyl containing 1 to 5 double bonds and 1 to 5 triple bonds; aryl; cycloalkyl; cycloheteroalkyl linked through a carbon on the ring or a heteroatom; heteroaryl; heteroarylalkyl; cycloalkylalkyl; cycloheteroalkylalkyl; wherein any of the above groups may be optionally substituted; or R¹ is a group of the structure



wherein Ar is aryl (such as phenyl or naphthyl), heteroaryl (5 or 6 membered) and may include one to three additional rings fused to Ar (such as aryl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or cycloheteroalkyl) and wherein $(\text{CH}_2)_p$ contains from 1 to 15 carbons, preferably 2 to 12 carbons,

45 in the chain and may include 0, 1, 2 or 3 double bonds and/or 0, 1, 2 or 3 triple bonds in the normal chain, and may contain an ether or amino function in the chain, and/or may include 0, 1, 2 or 3 substituents as defined below for R⁶; and R⁶, R⁷, R⁸ and R^{8a} are the same or different and are H, alkyl containing 1 to 40 carbons, preferably from 3 to 25 carbons, alkoxy containing 1 to 40 carbons, preferably from 3 to 25 carbons, alkenyl containing 2 to 40 carbons, preferably from 3 to 25 carbons, alkynyl containing 2 to 40 carbons, preferably from 3 to 25 carbons, alkynyoxy containing 2 to 40 carbons, preferably from 3 to 25 carbons, alkynyl containing 2 to 40 carbons, preferably from 3 to 25 carbons, alkynyoxy containing 2 to 40 carbons, preferably from 3 to 25 carbons, cycloheteroalkyl, cycloheteroalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Ar-alkyl, (such as arylalkyl), ArO (such as aryloxy), Ar-amino (such as arylamino), hydroxy, halogen, nitro, Ar (such as aryl), amino, substituted amino wherein the amino includes 1 or 2 substituents (which are alkyl, alkenyl, aryl or any of the Ar groups mentioned above), thiol, alkylthio, Ar-thio (such as arylthio), alkyl-sulfinyl, Ar-sulfinyl (such as arylsulfinyl), alkylsulfonyl, Ar-sulfonyl (such as arylsulfonyl), carboxy, cyano, alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, Ar-carbonyloxy (such as arylcarbonyloxy), Ar-carbonylamino (such as arylcarbonylamino) or alkylcarbonylamino, as well as any of the Ar groups as defined above, and preferably wherein the total number of carbons in the substituted Ar- $(\text{CH}_2)_p$ - group exceeds 10 carbons;

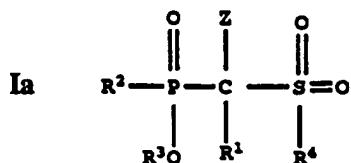
50 including pharmaceutically acceptable cations or salts thereof such as alkali metal salts such as lithium, sodium

or potassium, alkaline earth metal salts such as calcium or magnesium, as well as zinc or aluminum and other FDA approved cations such as ammonium, choline, diethanolamine, ethylenediamine, and salts of naturally occurring amino acids such as arginine, lysine, alanine and the like.

5 The $(CH_2)_p$ group may contain 1, 2, 3 or more alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxy and/or halogen substituents as well as any of the substituents defined for R^6 .

The compounds of formula I may also be depicted by the following structural formula:

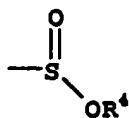
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It will also be appreciated that in all cases herein, the moiety

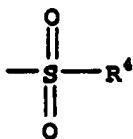
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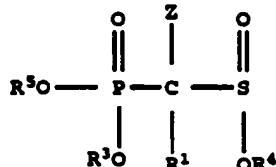


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Thus, the compounds of the invention include the following sub-genuses:

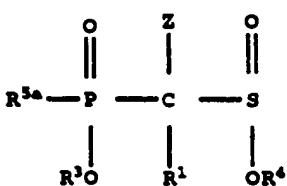
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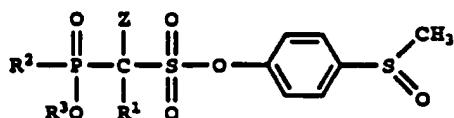


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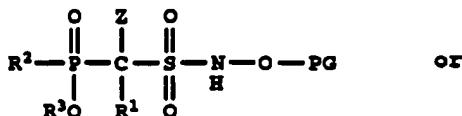
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In addition, in accordance with the present invention, new intermediates are provided having the structure

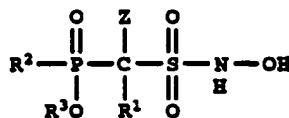
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wherein R₁, R₂ and R₃ are as defined above and PG is a protecting group, with the proviso that R³ and R⁵ are alkyl, aryalkyl, aryl or cycloalkyl.

25 Unless otherwise indicated, the term "lower alkyl" or "alkyl" as employed herein alone or as part of another group includes both straight and branched chain hydrocarbons, containing 1 to 40 carbons, preferably 1 to 20 carbons, in the normal chain, more preferably 1 to 12 carbons, such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, t-butyl, isobutyl, pentyl, hexyl, isohexyl, heptyl, 4,4-dimethylpentyl, octyl, 2,2,4-trimethylpentyl, nonyl, decyl, undecyl, dodecyl, the various branched chain isomers thereof, and the like as well as such groups including 1 to 4 substituents such as F, Br, Cl or I 30 or CF₃, alkoxy, aryl, arylalkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, amino, hydroxy, alkylamido, alkanoylamino, arylcarbonylamino, nitro, cyano, thiol and/or alkylthio, as well as any of the other substituents as defined for R⁶.

35 Unless otherwise indicated, the term "cycloalkyl" as employed herein alone or as part of another group includes saturated or partially unsaturated cyclic hydrocarbon groups containing 3 to 12 carbons, preferably 3 to 8 carbons, which include cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, cyclooctyl, cyclodecyl and cyclododecyl, cyclohexenyl, any of which groups may be substituted with 1 to 4 substituents such as halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, hydroxy, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, alkylamido, alkanoylamino, arylcarbonylamino, amino, nitro, cyano, thiol and/or alkylthio, as well as any of the other substituents as defined for R⁶.

40 Unless otherwise indicated, the term "aryl" as employed herein refers to monocyclic or bicyclic aromatic groups containing from 6 to 10 carbons in the ring portion, such as phenyl, naphthyl, or phenyl or naphthyl substituted with 1 to 4 substituents such as alkyl, halogen (Cl, Br or F), alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, alkanoylamino, arylcarbonylamino, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, alkylamido, nitro, cyano, thiol and/or alkylthio, as well as any of the other substituents as defined for R⁶.

45 The term "aralkyl", "aryl-alkyl" or "aryl-lower alkyl" as used herein alone or as part of another group refers to alkyl groups as discussed above having an aryl substituent, such as benzyl or phenethyl, or naphthylpropyl.

50 The term "lower alkoxy", "alkoxy", "aryloxy" or "aralkoxy" as employed herein alone or as part of another group includes any of the above alkyl, aralkyl or aryl groups linked to an oxygen atom.

The term "lower alkylthio", "alkylthio", "arylthio" or "aralkylthio" as employed herein alone or as part of another group includes any of the above alkyl, alkyl, aralkyl or aryl groups linked to a sulfur atom.

The term "lower alkylamino", "alkylamino", "arylamino", or "arylalkylamino" as employed herein alone or as part of another group includes any of the above alkyl, aryl or arylalkyl groups linked to a nitrogen atom.

The term "alkanoyl" as used herein alone or as part of another group refers to alkyl linked to a carbonyl group.

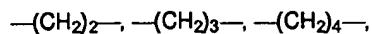
55 Unless otherwise indicated, the term "lower alkenyl" or "alkenyl" as used herein by itself or as part of another group refers to straight or branched chain radicals of 2 to 40 carbons, preferably 3 to 30 carbons in the normal chain, which include one to six double bonds in the normal chain, such as vinyl, 2-propenyl, 3-but enyl, 2-but enyl, 4-pentenyl, 3-pentenyl, 2-hexenyl, 3-hexenyl, 2-heptenyl, 3-heptenyl, 4-heptenyl, 3-octenyl, 3-nonenyl, 4-decenyl, 3-undecenyl, 4-dodecenyl, 4,8,12-tetradecatrienyl, and the like, and which may be optionally substituted with 1 to 4 substituents, namely, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, amino, hydroxy, alkanoylamino, alkylamido, arylcarbonylamino, nitro, cyano, thiol and/or alkylthio, as well as any of the other substituents as defined for R⁶.

Unless otherwise indicated, the term "lower alkynyl" or "alkynyl" as used herein by itself or as part of another group refers to straight or branched chain radicals of 2 to 40 carbons, preferably 2 to 20 carbons in the normal chain, which include one triple bond in the normal chain, such as 2-propynyl, 3-butynyl, 2-butynyl, 4-pentynyl, 3-pentynyl, 2-hexynyl, 3-hexynyl, 2-heptynyl, 3-heptynyl, 4-heptynyl, 3-octynyl, 3-nonyl, 4-decynyl, 3-undecynyl, 4-dodecynyl and the like, and which may be optionally substituted with 1 to 4 substituents, namely, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, amino, hydroxy, alkanoylamino, alkyl-amido, arylcarboxylamino, nitro, cyano, thiol, and/or alkylthio, as well as any of the other substituents as defined for R6. Examples of suitable $(\text{CH}_2)_p$ groups include $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{C}=\text{CCH}_2-$.

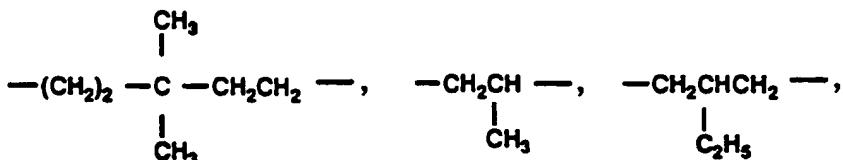
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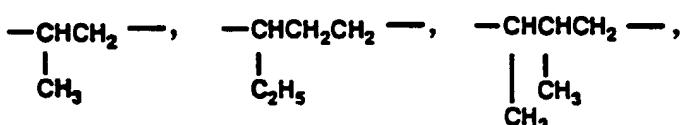
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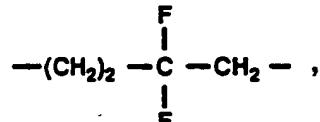
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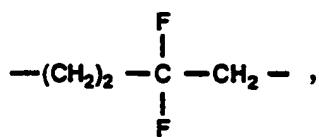
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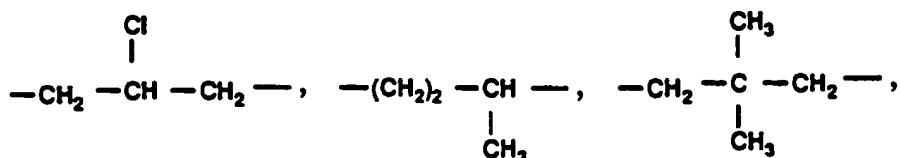
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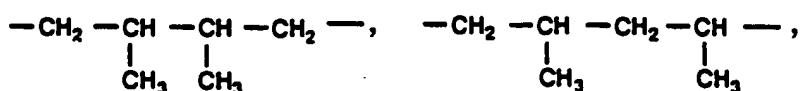


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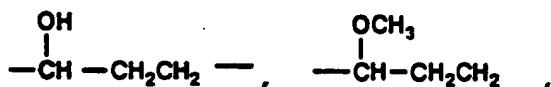


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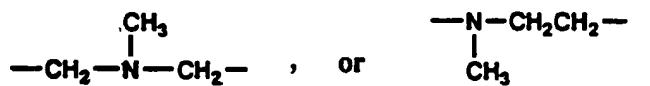
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The term "halogen" or "halo" as used herein refers to chlorine, bromine, fluorine, and iodine as well as CF_3 , with chlorine or fluorine being preferred.

40 The term "amino" as used herein refers to unsubstituted amino as well as monosubstituted amino or disubstituted amino wherein the substituents may be alkyl and/or aryl.

The term "metal ion" refers to alkali metal ions such as sodium, potassium or lithium and alkaline earth metal ions such as magnesium and calcium, as well as zinc and aluminum.

45 The term "cycloheteroalkyl" as used herein as an R^1 substituent refers to a 5-, 6- or 7-membered saturated ring which includes 1 to 2 hetero atoms such as nitrogen, oxygen and/or sulfur, linked to the carbon "C" of

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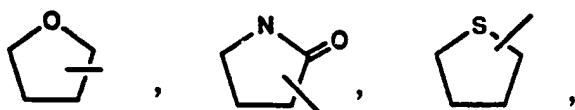


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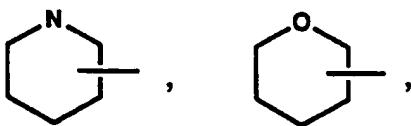
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through a carbon atom or a heteroatom, where possible, optionally via the linker $(CH_2)_p$ (which is defined above), such as

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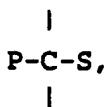


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and the like. The above groups may include 1 to 3 substituents such as any of the R^6 groups as defined above. In addition, any of the above rings can be fused to a cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl or cycloheteroalkyl ring.

25 The term "heteroaryl" as an R^1 substituent refers to a 5- or 6- membered aromatic ring which includes 1, 2, 3 or 4 hetero atoms such as nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur, which is linked to the carbon "C" of

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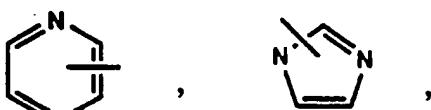
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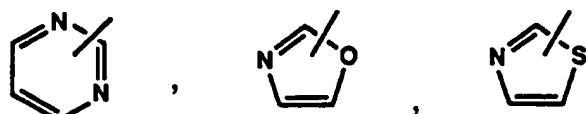


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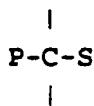
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and the like. The above groups may include 1 to 3 substituents such as any of the R^6 groups as defined above. In addition, any of the above rings can be fused to a cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl or cycloheteroalkyl ring.

The term **cycloheteroalkylalkyl**¹ as defined by R¹ refers to cycloheteroalkyl groups as defined above linked through a C atom or heteroatom to the "C" of



group through a $(\text{CH}_2)_p$ chain wherein p is preferably 1 to 8.

The term "heteroarylalkyl" as defined by R1 refers to a heteroaryl group as defined above linked through a C atom or heteroatom to the "C" of



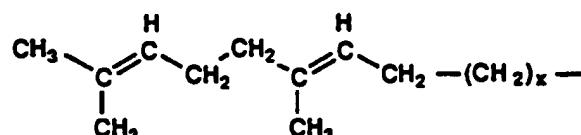
through a $-(\text{CH}_2)-$ chain as defined above, where n is preferably 1 to 8.

Preferred are compounds of formulae I and IA wherein R² is OR⁵ and R⁵ is a metal ion such as Na or K, or H or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

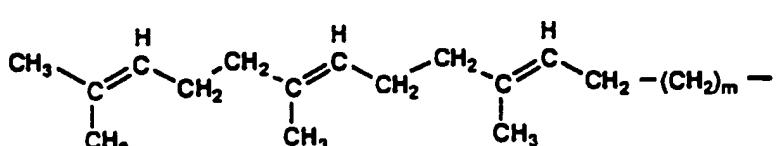
R3 is H or a metal ion such as Na or K.

R³ is H, a metal ion such as Na or K;
R⁴ is a metal ion such as Na or K;

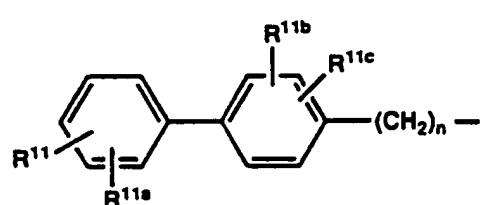
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wherein $(\text{CH}_2)_x$ is defined as $(\text{CH}_2)_x$ above and x is preferably 2 to 8.



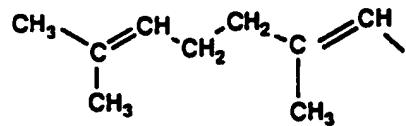
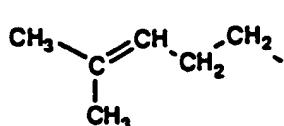
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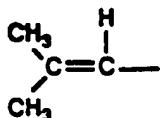
R¹¹, R^{11a}, R^{11b}, and R^{11c} are independently selected from H, alkyl such as propyl, halo, alkoxy, such as methoxy or propyloxy, alkenyl such as

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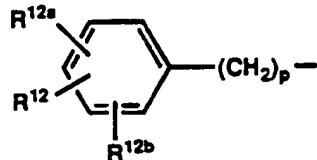


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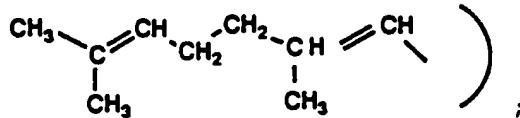
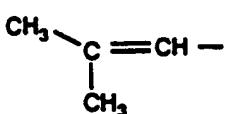
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wherein R¹², R^{12a} and R^{12b} are independently selected from H, aryl (such as phenyl or naphthyl), alkylphenyl (such as p-propylphenyl, p-pentylphenyl), alkyl containing 1 to 20 carbons (such as p-heptyl), halo, alkoxy (such as methoxy or propyloxy), alkenyl (such as

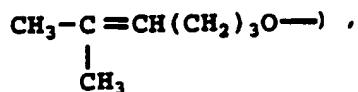
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arylalkyloxy (such as phenethyloxy), alkenyloxy (such as

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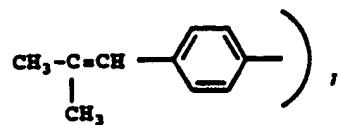


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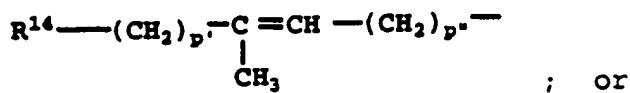
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aryloxy (such as phenoxy), phenylalkyl (such as benzyl, phenylpropyl), alkylphenoxy (such as orthobutylphenoxy), alkynylphenyl (such as

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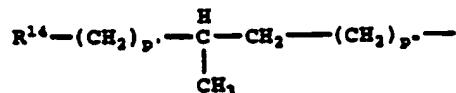


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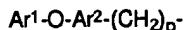


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20 wherein R^{14} is aryl, heteroaryl, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, and $(CH_2)_{p'}$ and $(CH_2)_{p''}$ are as defined above for $-(CH_2)_p$. Preferred p' and p'' are independently 1 to 4;



25 wherein Ar^1 and Ar^2 are independently selected from any of the Ar groups defined hereinbefore, and $(CH_2)_p$ is as defined hereinbefore, and p is preferably 2, 3, 4 or 5.

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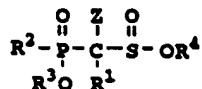
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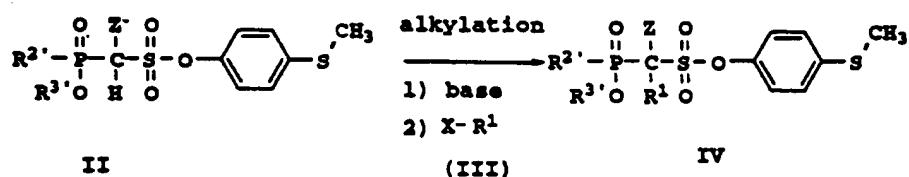
The compounds of the invention may be prepared according to the following reaction sequences.

General Schemes A and B for the Preparation of α -Phosphonosulfonates

Compounds of Formula I where R² is OR⁵ or R^{5a}

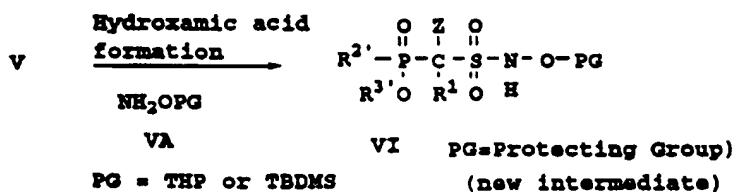
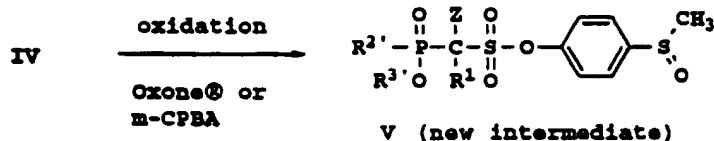


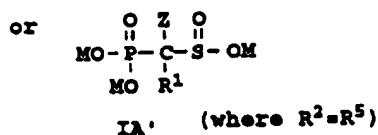
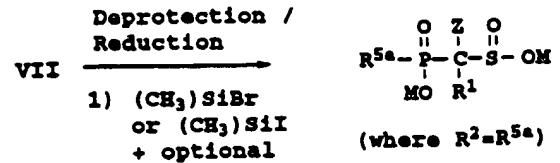
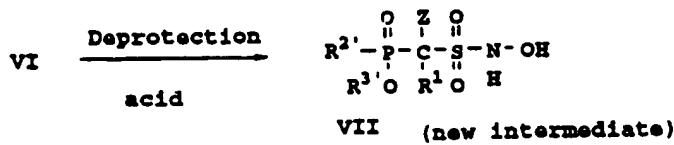
Scheme A



X = I, Br, Cl,
tosylate,
 CF_3SO_2^-

(R^3' is alkyl, arylalkyl, aryl or cycloalkyl, and R^2' is R^5a or OR^5' where R^5' is alkyl, arylalkyl, aryl or cycloalkyl)





25 M = H, metal ion or other pharmaceutically acceptable cation

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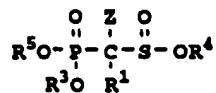
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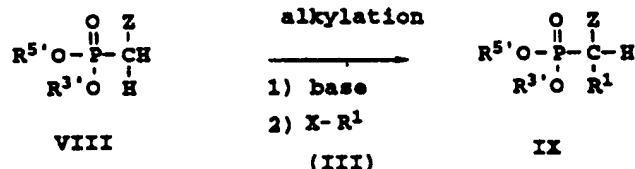
Compounds of Formula I where R² is OR⁵

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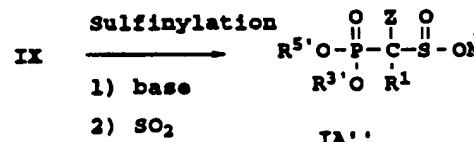
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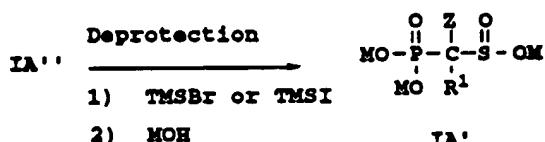
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(R³ and R⁵ are independently alkyl, arylalkyl, aryl or cycloalkyl) X = I, Br, Cl, tosylate, CF₃SO₂O⁻

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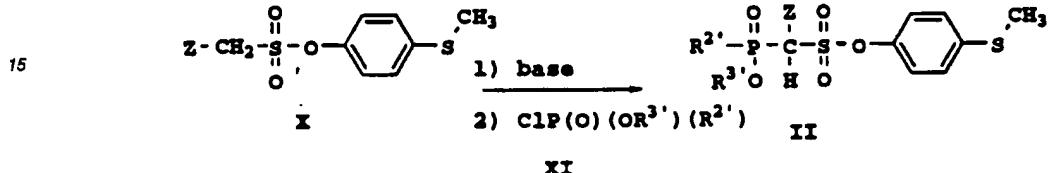
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Reaction Schemes C and D

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Preparation of Starting
Phosphonosulfonate II for Scheme A

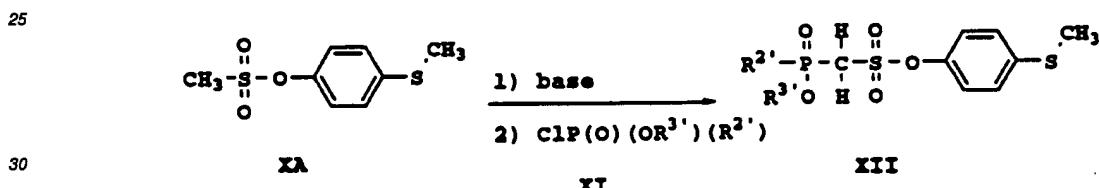
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Scheme C

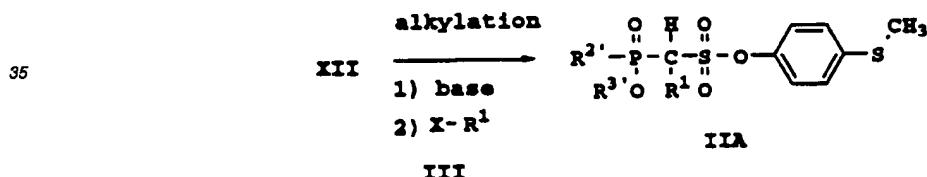
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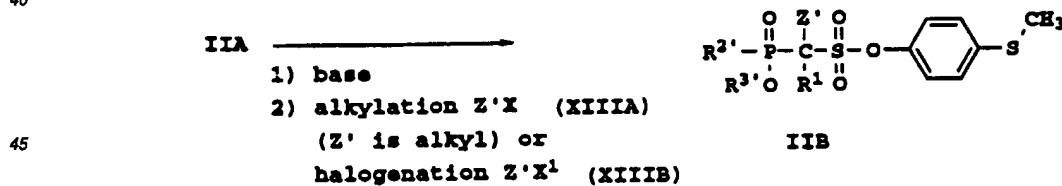
Alternatively, Z' can be incorporated after R¹
(where Z' = lower alkyl or halogen)



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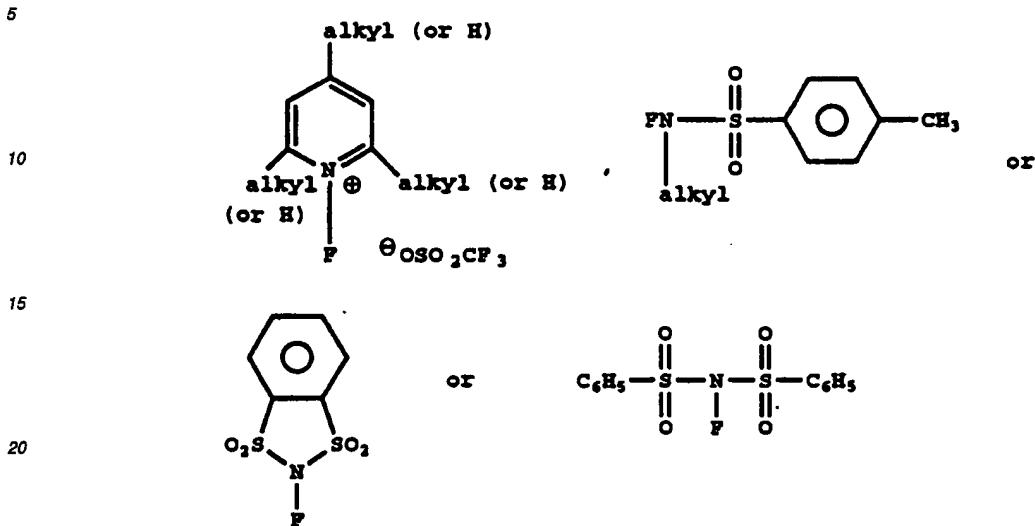


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(X¹ is Cl, I or Br or succinimido)
(Z' is Cl, I, or Br); or

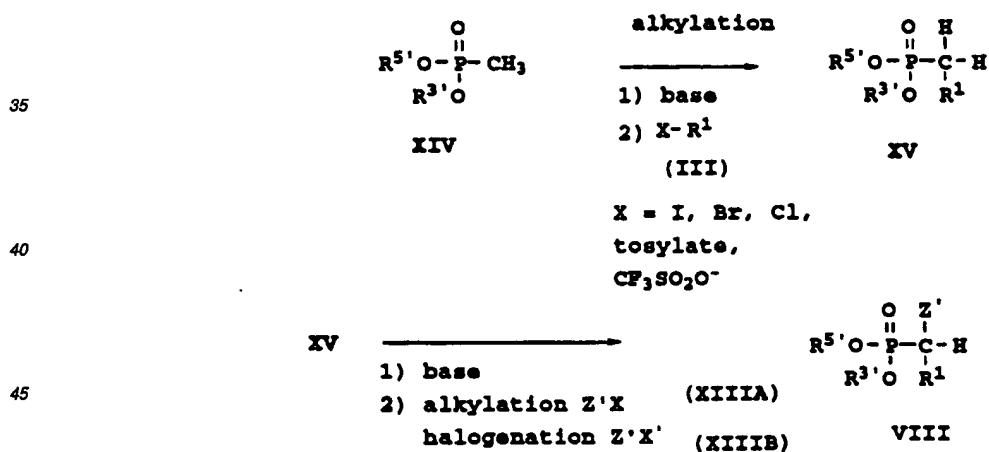
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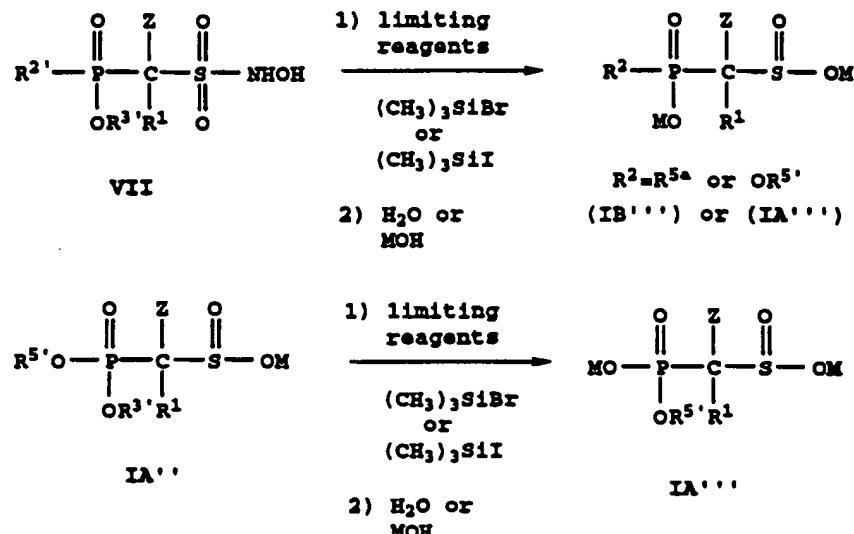
where $Z' = F$, reagents used for fluorination include XeF_2 .



Reaction Scheme E

Preparation of Starting Compound VIII for Scheme B



Scheme FSynthesis of Monoesters

30 Referring to General Scheme A, compounds of the invention I where R² is R^{5a} or OM and M is H, metal ion or other pharmaceutically acceptable cation, may be prepared by alkylating the phosphonosulfonate II by reacting II with compound III in the presence of an appropriate base and an inert organic solvent under an inert atmosphere to form IV.

In carrying out the above reaction, the phosphonosulfonate II is employed in a molar ratio to compound III of within the range of from about 5:1 to about 0.8:1, and preferably from about 3:1 to about 1.2:1. The reaction is carried out under an inert atmosphere, such as argon, preferably at a temperature of within the range of from about -78 to about 35 80°C, and more preferably from about 0 to about 50°C, although the reaction may be completed at room temperature.

Examples of inert organic solvents suitable for use herein include, but are not limited to dimethylformamide (DMF), tetrahydrofuran (THF), dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO), hexamethylphosphoramide (HMPA) or diethyl ether (Et₂O), or mixtures thereof.

40 Examples of bases suitable for use in carrying out the above reaction include, but are not limited to, alkali metal hydrides, such as sodium hydride (which is preferred), potassium hydride, lithium-, sodium- or potassium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide, lithium diisopropylamide or butyllithium.

Compound IV is subjected to oxidation by treating IV with an oxidant such as Oxone® (potassium peroxymonosulfate) in the presence of an alcohol solvent such as methanol, ethanol or isopropyl alcohol, which may contain water, and optionally a weak base such as NaHCO₃, NaCO₃ or K₂HPO₄; m-chloroperbenzoic acid (m-CPBA) in CH₂Cl₂ or CHCl₃; 45 t-C₄H₉COOH, hydrogen peroxide or I₂/H₂O, at a temperature within the range of from about -20 to about 50°C, preferably from about -5 to about 25°C, to form V.

Compound V (which is a novel intermediate) is made to undergo hydroxamic acid formation by treating with amine VA



50 (where PG represents a protecting group) which can be O-tetrahydropyran-2-ylhydroxylamine (NH₂OTHP) or O-tert-butyldimethylsilylhydroxylamine (NH₂OTBDMS), in the presence of an inert organic solvent, such as toluene, chloroform, tetrahydrofuran or xylene, at a temperature within the range of from about 0°C to about 140°C, preferably from about 25 to about 80°C, to form protected compound VI (which is a new intermediate). The amine VA will be employed in a molar ratio to V of within the range of from about 1:1 to about 15:1, preferably from about 3:1 to about 7:1.

The protecting group PG of compound VI is then removed by treating VI with a deprotecting agent such as pyridinium para-toluenesulfonate, p-toluenesulfonic acid or acetic acid, in the presence of a solvent such as methanol, ethanol or aqueous tetrahydrofuran, at a temperature within the range of from about 0°C to about 70°C, preferably from about 20 to about 50°C, to form hydroxamic acid VII (which is a new intermediate). Hydroxamic acid VII is deprotected and reduced

5 by treating VII with bromotrimethyl silane (TMSBr), or iodotrimethyl silane (TMSI) and the like, in the presence of an inert organic solvent such as methylene chloride, chloroform or dichloroethane, optionally in the presence of one or more additives such as allyl trimethylsilane, 2-methyl-2-butene, 2,4,6-collidine, hexamethyldisilazane([(CH₃)₃Si]₂NH]), followed by treatment with water and/or a strong base, such as potassium hydroxide, sodium hydroxide, lithium hydroxide, ammonium hydroxide or calcium hydroxide, to form the phosphonosulfinate of the invention IA (or IA' or IB').

In carrying out the above deprotection/reduction to form IA' or IB', the silylating agent will be employed in a molar ratio to VII of within the range of from about 3:1 to about 30:1, preferably from about 8:1 to about 15:1 and the additive(s) will be employed in a molar ratio to VII of within the range of from about 1:1 to about 20:1, preferably from about 4:1 to about 15:1.

10 Referring to Scheme B, compounds of the invention IA" (where R²=OR⁵) and IA' may be prepared by alkylating the phosphonate VIII by metalating VIII with a base, such as n-butyllithium, sec-butyl-lithium, t-butyllithium, or lithium diisopropyl-amide, to form the lithium anion of VIII and alkylating the lithium anion of VIII by reacting with compound III to form IX.

15 In carrying out the above reaction, the base is employed in a molar ratio to the phosphonate VIII within the range of from about 1.4:1 to about 0.8:1, preferably about 1:1 and the phosphonate VIII is employed in a molar ratio to compound III of within the range of from about 2:1 to about 0.2:1, and preferably from about 1.5:1 to about 0.7:1. The reactions are carried out under an inert atmosphere, such as argon, initially preferably at a temperature of within the range of from about -90° to about 80°C, and more preferably from about -80°C to about 50°C, although the reaction may be completed at room temperature. Bases and solvents appropriate for this reaction are as described for Scheme A.

20 Compound IX is sulfinylated by treating IX with base (such as described above with respect to formation of IX) and then with sulfur dioxide to form compound of the invention IA".

25 In carrying out the above reaction, the base is employed in a molar ratio to compound IX of within the range of from about 1.5:1 to about 0.8:1, and preferably about 1.1:1, and the sulfur dioxide is employed in excess. The reaction is carried out under an inert atmosphere, such as argon, initially preferably at a reduced temperature of within the range of from about -78° to about 80°C, and more preferably from about 0 to about 50°C, although the reaction may be completed at room temperature. Bases and solvents appropriate for this reaction are as described above with respect to the alkylation.

30 Compound IA" of the invention may be converted to compound IA' of the invention by treating IA" with a deprotecting agent such as (CH₃)₃SiBr or (CH₃)₃SiI followed by water or base, employing reactants, solvents and conditions as described with respect to Scheme A in the deprotection of VII to form compound of the invention IA'.

Referring to Scheme C, starting compounds of formula II may be prepared by reacting starting sulfonate X with a strong base such as any of those used in Schemes A or B, in the presence of or followed by reaction with chlorophosphate XI, and an inert organic solvent such as used in Schemes A or B, to form II.

35 In carrying out the reaction of Scheme C, chlorophosphate XI will be employed in a molar ratio to sulfonate X of within the range of from about 3:1 to about 1:2, and preferably from about 2.0:1 to about 1:1. The reaction is carried out at a temperature of within the range of from about -100° to about 30°C, and preferably from about -90° to about 0°C.

The above procedure for preparing II is similar to that described by Carretero, J.C., Demillequand, M.; Ghosez, L., Tetrahedron, Vol. 43, 1987, pp 5125-5134.

40 Scheme D illustrates an alternative procedure for preparing starting material II wherein Z is incorporated after R¹, and Z is Z' which is lower alkyl or halogen. As seen in Scheme D, compound XA is treated with base followed by XI, employing the reaction conditions described in Scheme C, to form phosphonosulfonate XII which is alkylated by treatment with base and compound III (as described in the conversion of II to IV in Scheme A) to form phosphonosulfonate IIA.

45 Phosphonosulfonate IIA is then treated with base and then alkylated with alkyl halide XIII A or halogenated with XIII B to form IIB. The alkylation or halogenation step is as described in the alkylation of II to IV in Scheme A or VIII to IX in Scheme B.

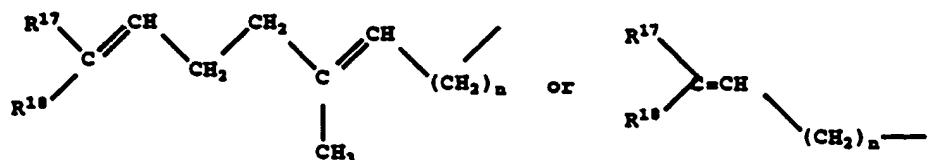
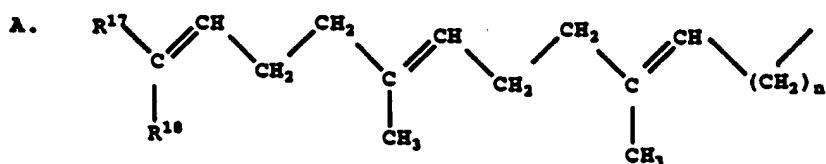
Referring to Scheme E, starting compound VIII employed in Scheme B is prepared from compound XIV which is alkylated by treatment with base and III (employing procedures as described with respect to the alkylation of VIII to IX in Scheme B) to form compound XV. Compound XV is then treated with base and alkylated or halogenated employing procedures as described with respect to conversion of IIA to IIB in Scheme D.

50 Referring to Scheme F, VII or IA" may be deprotected selectively to monoesters IB" or IA" by reacting with limiting quantities (preferably 1-3 equivalents) of deprotecting agents such as (CH₃)₃SiBr or (CH₃)₃SiI, optionally in the presence of the additives listed above.

55 Examples of starting alkylating agents that is R¹X or R¹Hal suitable for use herein include the following which are either known in the literature or are simple derivatives of known compounds prepared by employing conventional procedures.

It will be appreciated that the R¹X compounds listed in the following table represent all possible stereoisomers.

R¹Hal where Hal is Cl, Br or I, or Tosyl or OSO₂CF₃ is as follows in A. through F.



n is 1 to 8

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| | | |
|-----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 to 3. | C ₂ H ₅ | CH ₃ |
| 4 to 6. | CH ₃ | C ₂ H ₅ |
| 7 to 9. | n-C ₃ H ₇ | CH ₃ |
| 10 to 12. | CH ₃ | n-C ₄ H ₉ |
| 13 to 15. | t-C ₄ H ₉ | CH ₃ |

- (CH₂)_s -

s' = 4 to 6

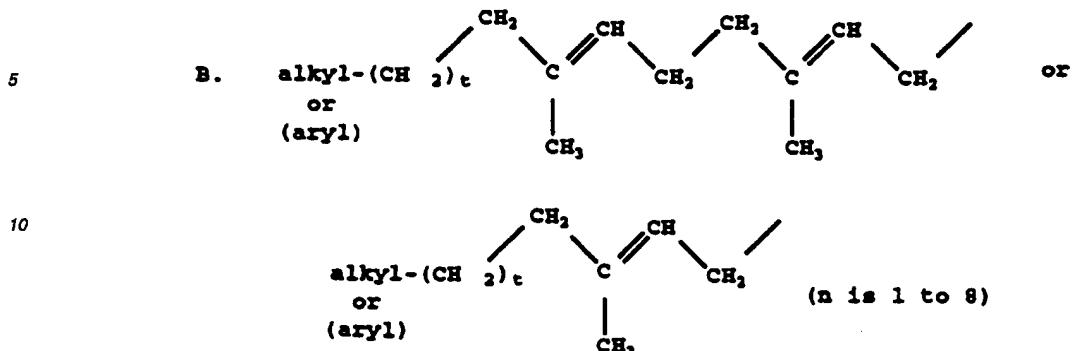
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| 16 to 18. | H | H |
| 19 to 21. | F | F |
| 22 to 24. | Cl | Cl |
| 25 to 27. | CH ₂ F | CH ₃ |
| 28 to 30. | -CH=CH ₂ | H |
| 31 to 33. | CF ₃ (CH ₂) _t | H |

40 t = 0 to 8

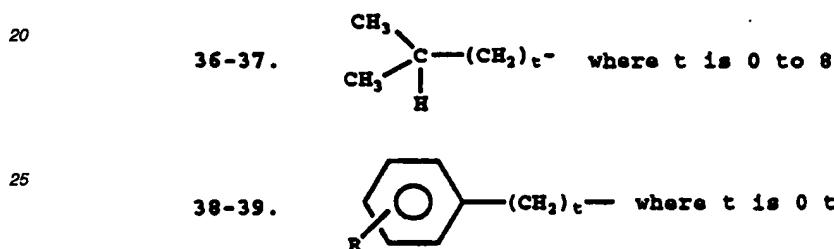
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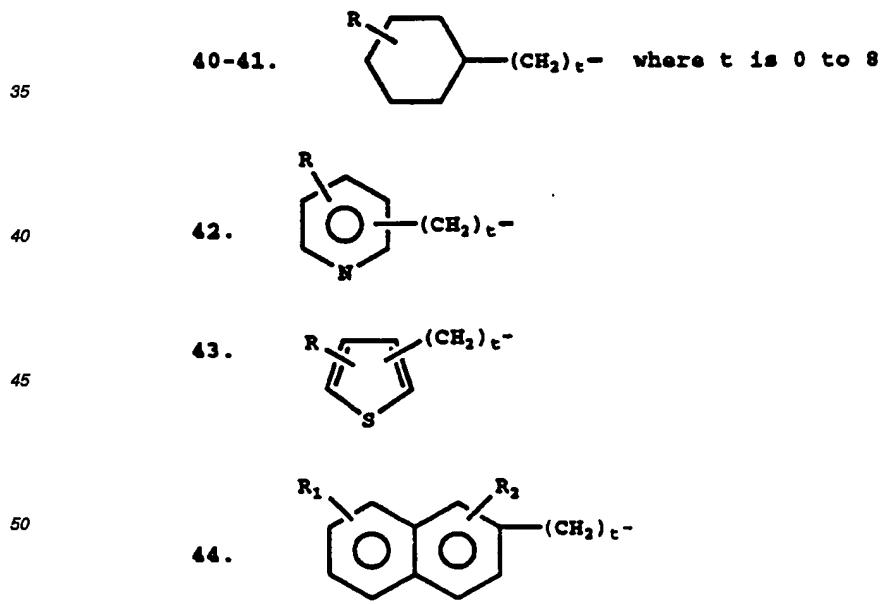
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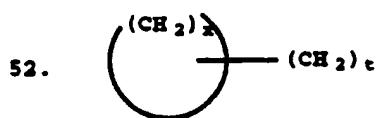
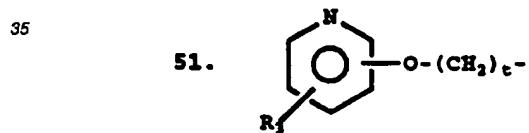
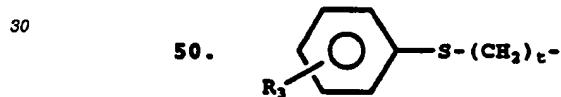
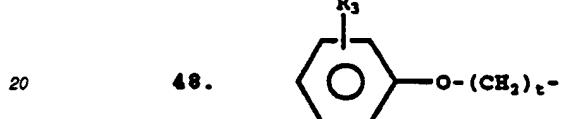
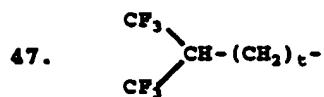
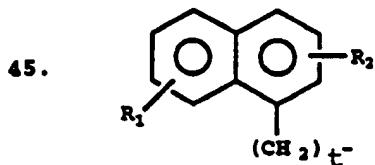


34-35. $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_t^-$ where t is 0 to 8



30 C. Miscellaneous



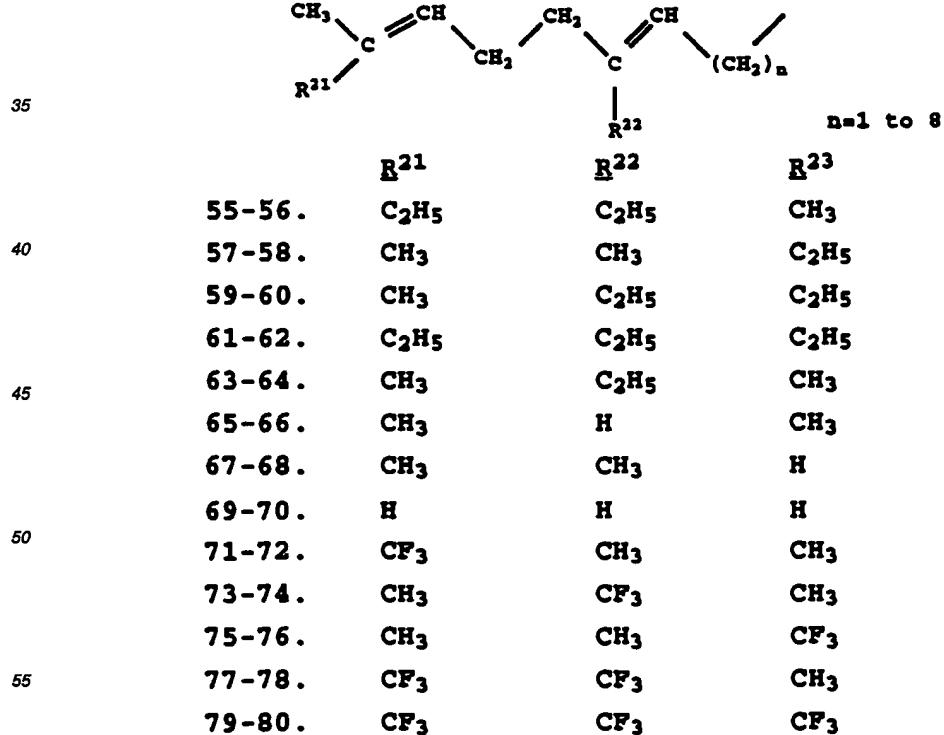
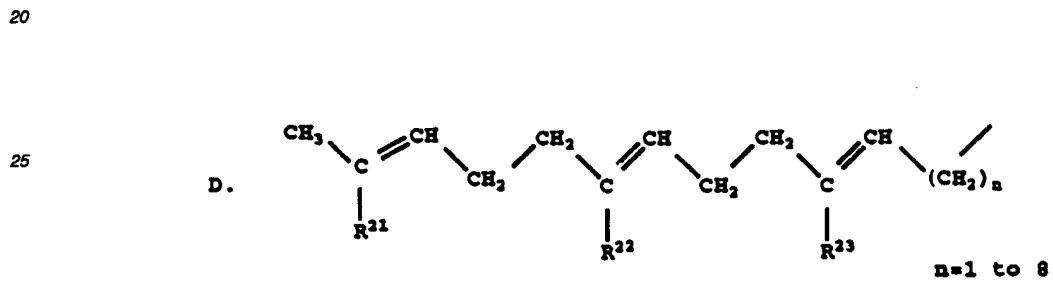
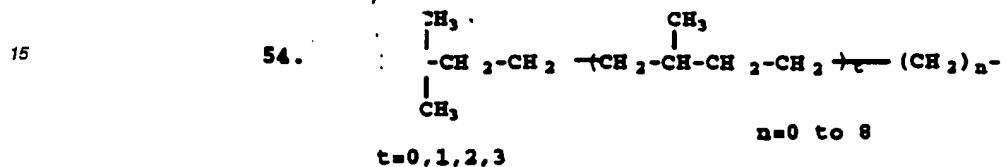
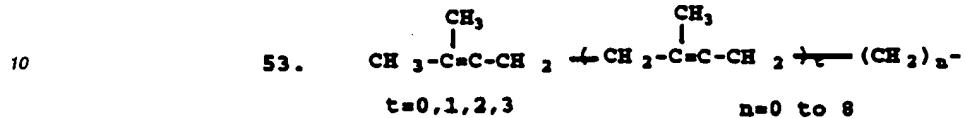


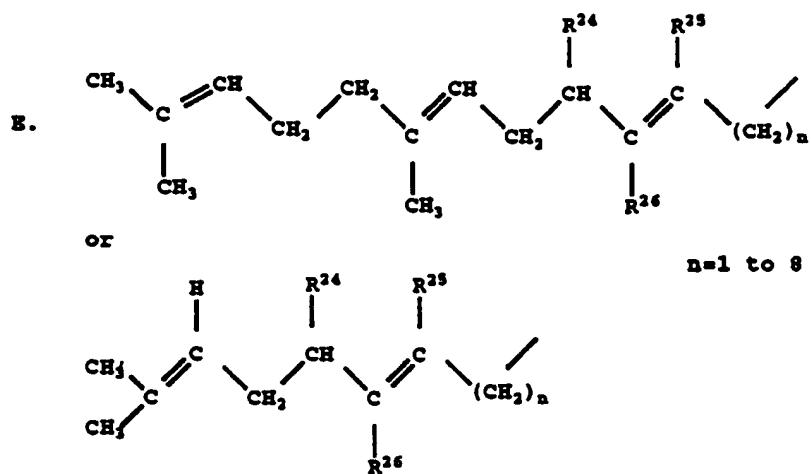
45 Examples 42 to 47, $t = 0$ to 8

50 R_1 , R_2 and R_3 may be the same or different and can be any of the radicals included in R^6 .

Examples 48 to 52

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t = 1 to 8
x = 3 to 8





| | R^{24} | R^{25} | R^{26} |
|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| 81-82. | H | I | H |
| 83-84. | H | H | I |
| 85-86. | H | CH_3 | CH_3 |
| 87-88. | CH_3S | CH_3 | H |
| 89-90. | F | CH_3 | H |
| 91-92. | CH_3 | CH_3 | H |
| 93-94. | H | CH_3 | CH_3 |
| 95-96. | H | CH_3 | Cl |
| 97-98. | H | CF_3 | H |
| 99-100. | H | Cl | H |
| 101-102. | H | CH_3 | $(CH_3)_3Si$ |
| 103-104. | H | CH_3 | F |
| 105-106. | H | CF_3 | CH_3 |
| 107-108. | H | CH_3 | CF_3 |

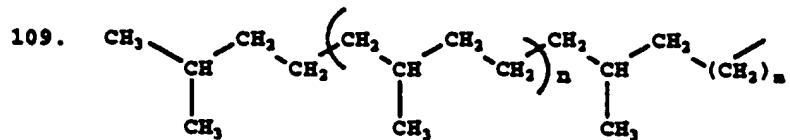
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F. Other examples of R¹ include the following

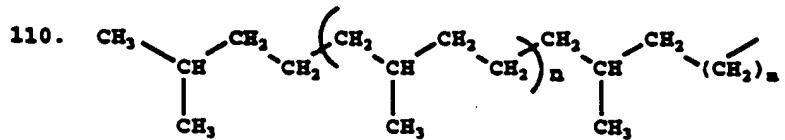
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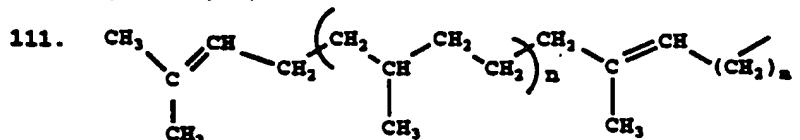
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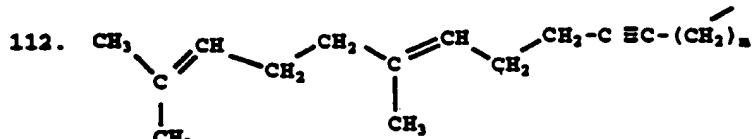
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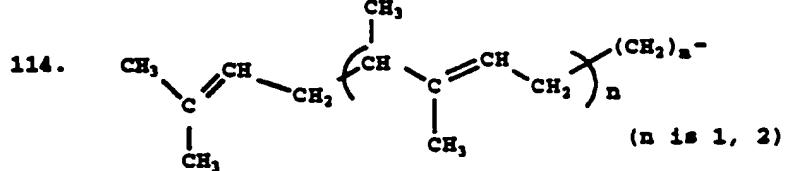
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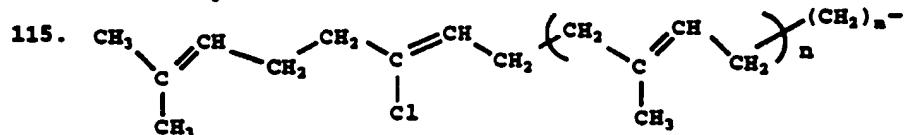
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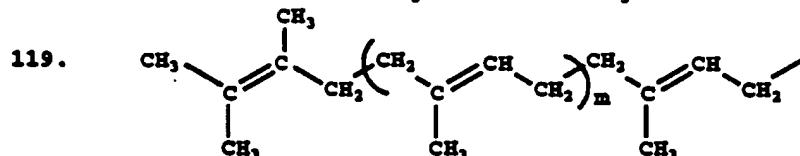
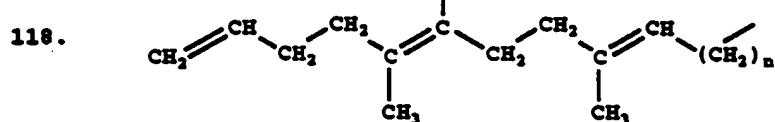
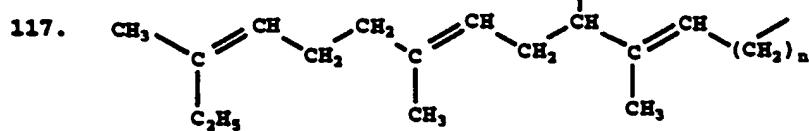
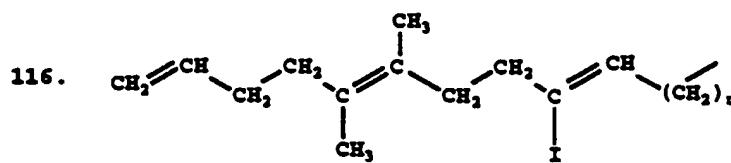
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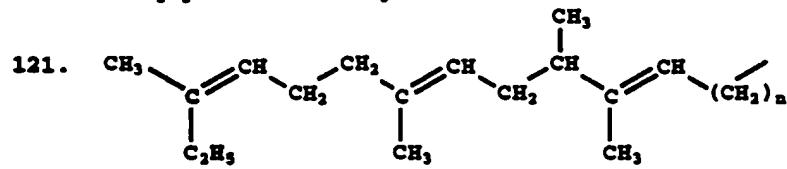
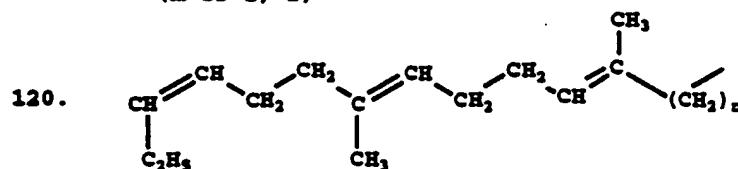
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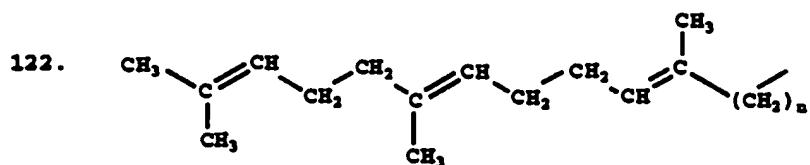
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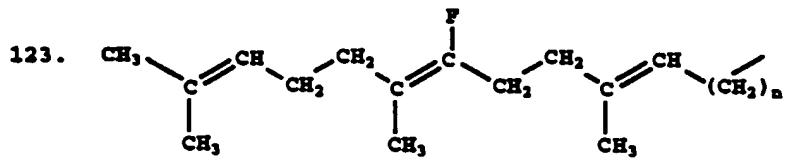
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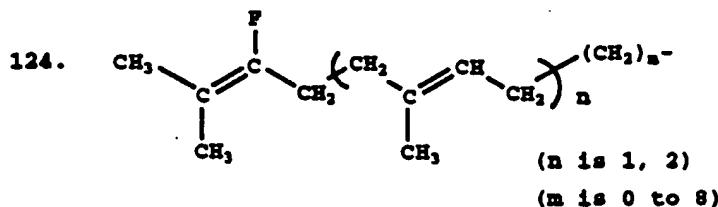
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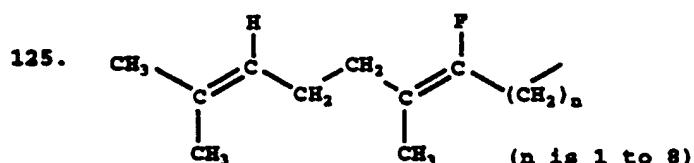


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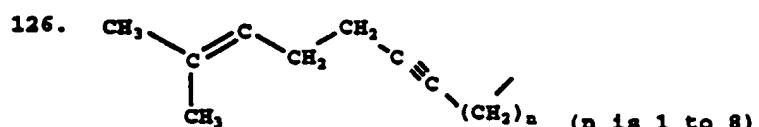


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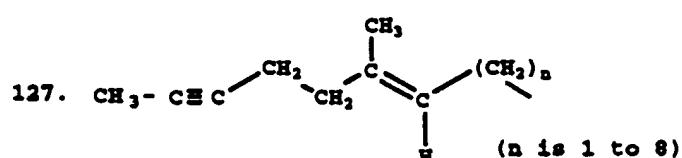
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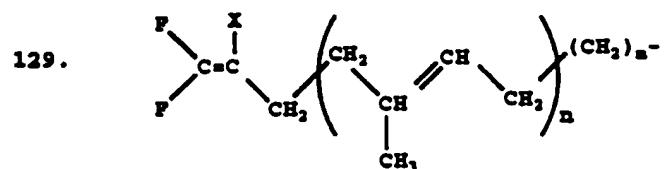
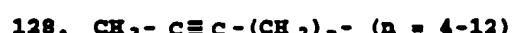
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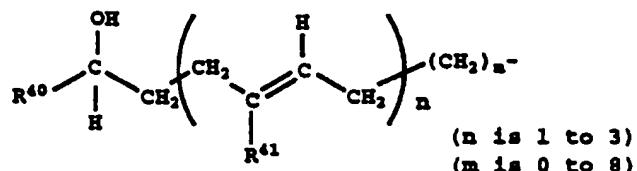
X = H, F, CH₃

5 n is 1 or 2

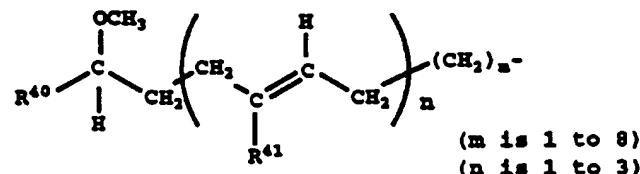
m is 0 to 8

130. CH₃-C≡C-(CH₂)_n-C≡C-(CH₂)_m- (n = 0-10)
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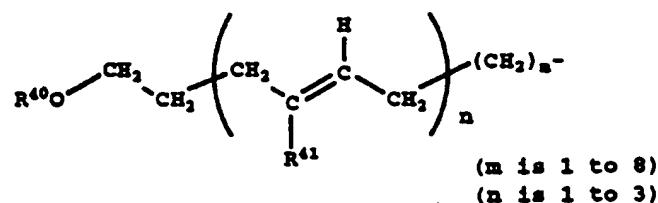
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20 R⁴⁰ = H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, or aryl such as methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, pentyl, phenyl and cyclopentyl25 R⁴¹ = alkyl such as methyl, ethyl or halo such as Cl or F

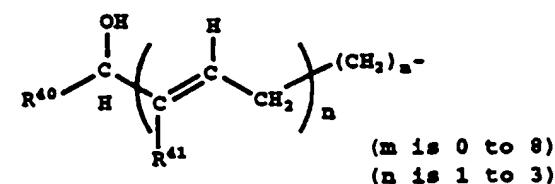
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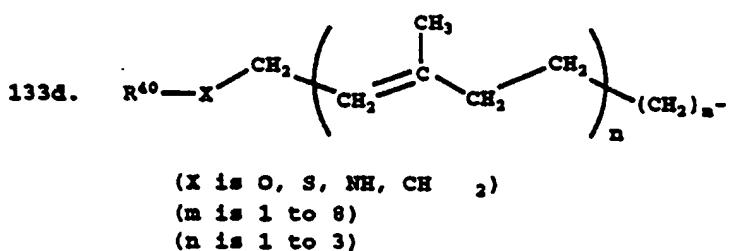
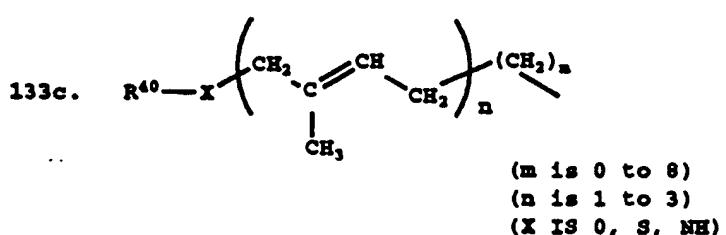
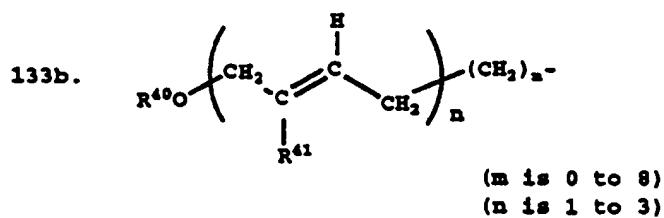


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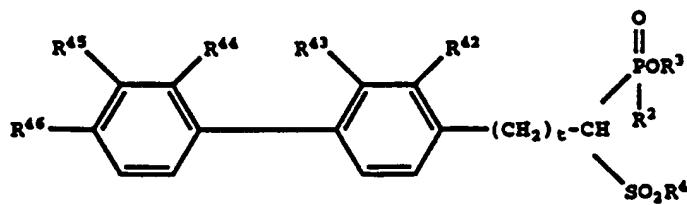
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Following the procedures set out in the working Examples and described herein, the above starting materials may be employed to prepare compounds of the invention 1 to 133 wherein R^3 , R^4 and R^{5a} are independently H, alkyl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, metal ion or other pharmaceutically acceptable cations or salts, and OR^5 is Ometal, OH, Oalkyl, Oarylalkyl, Ocycloalkyl.

Additional compounds within the scope of the present invention are set out below.

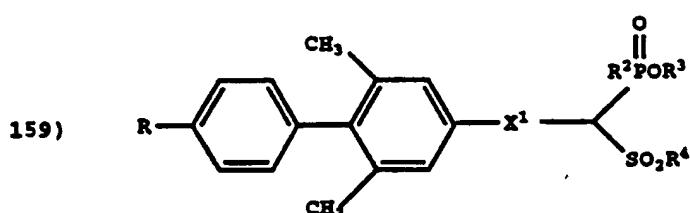
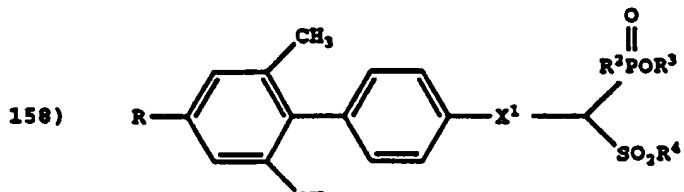


| | R ⁴² | R ⁴³ | R ⁴⁴ | R ⁴⁵ | R ⁴⁶ | t | |
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| 15 | 134) | H | H | H | H | n-C ₃ H ₇ | 3 |
| | 135) | H | H | H | H | n-C ₄ H ₉ | 3 |
| | 136) | H | H | H | H | (CH ₃) ₂ -C=CH- | 4 |
| 20 | 137) | H | H | H | H | (CH ₃) ₂ -C=CH-CH ₂ - | 2 |
| | 138) | CH ₃ | H | CH ₃ | H | ▷CH ₂ - | 3 |
| | 139) | H | H | CH ₃ | H | (CH ₃) ₂ -CH-CH ₂ -O- | 3 |
| 25 | 140) | H | CH ₃ | CH ₃ | H | n-C ₃ H ₇ | 3 |
| | 141) | CH ₃ O | H | H | H | n-C ₄ H ₉ | 3 |
| | 142) | H | H | H | H | (CH ₃) ₂ -C=CH- | 3 |
| 30 | 143) | H | H | H | H | (CH ₃) ₂ -C=CH-CH ₂ - | 4 |
| | 144) | CH ₃ | H | H | H | ▷CH ₂ - | 5 |
| | 145) | F | H | CH ₃ | H | n-C ₃ H ₇ | 3 |
| | 146) | CH ₃ | H | F | H | n-C ₄ H ₉ | 3 |
| 35 | 147) | H | CH ₃ | H | CH ₃ | (CH ₃) ₂ -C=CH- | 3 |
| | 148) | H | H | H | CF ₃ | (CH ₃) ₂ -C=CH-CH ₂ - | 3 |
| | 149) | H | H | H | F | ▷CH ₂ - | 3 |
| 40 | 150) | H | Cl | Cl | H | CH ₂ =CH-CH ₂ - | 3 |
| | 151) | CH ₃ | H | H | H | C ₄ H ₉ | 3 |
| | 152) | H | H | OH | H | C ₃ H ₇ | 3 |
| 45 | 153) | H | H | OCH ₃ | H | C ₃ H ₇ | 4 |
| | 154) | H | H | CH ₃ | H | C ₃ H ₇ | 3 |
| | 155) | H | OH | H | H | C ₃ H ₇ | 3 |
| | 156) | H | OCH ₃ | H | H | C ₃ H ₇ | 4 |
| 50 | 157) | H | CH ₃ | H | H | C ₃ H ₇ | 3 |

5 R² = H, OMetal, alkyl, aryl

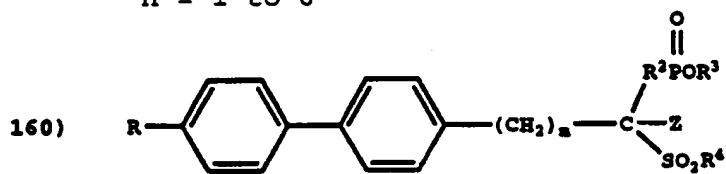
10 R³ = H, metal ion or alkyl

15 R⁴ = H or metal ion



25 X¹ = -(CH₂)_n-, -CH=CH-CH₂-

n = 1 to 6



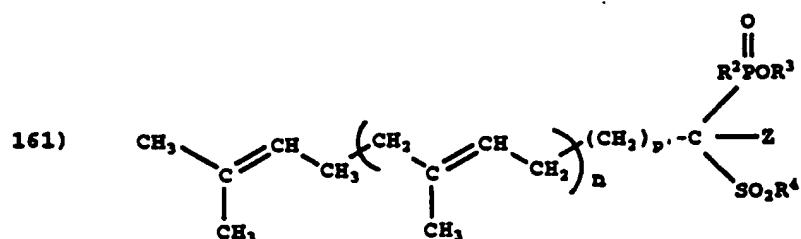
35 Re 158) to 160)

40 R is n-C₃H₇, n-C₄H₉, (CH₃)₂-C=CH-, CH₃-CH=CH-CH₂-,

(CH₃)₂-CH=CH-CH₂-, CH₂=CH-CH₂O-, (CH₃)₂-CH-O-,

(CH₃)₂CHCH₂O-, ▷CH₂-, CH₂=CH-CH₂-, CH₂=CH-CH₂CH₂-,

45 phenyl, pyridyl



5 Z = Cl, F, alkyl such as methyl, ethyl,
 propyl or allyl

10 n = 0, 1, 2

 p¹ = 0 - 8

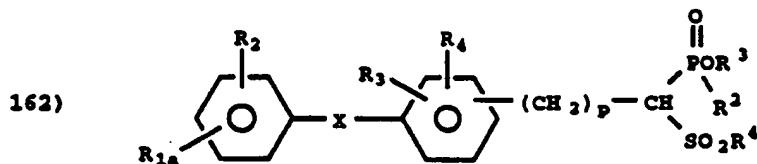
 m = 2 - 8

15 In compounds 158) to 161)

 R³ = H, metal ion or alkyl

 R⁴ = H, metal ion

 R² = OH, Ometal, alkyl, aryl



25 X is O, S, NH, SO, SO₂, CR₅R₆, C=O

R_{1a}, R₃, R₄, R₅ and R₆ are independently H, halogen, C₁-C₅alkyl, C₁-C₅alkenyl, C₁-C₅alkoxy, aryl, arylalkyl, aryloxy; for R₅ and R₆, halogen can be fluorine only; and R², R³ and R⁴ are as defined previously.

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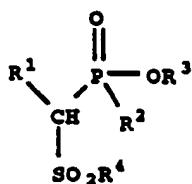
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Examples of the compounds within the scope of the invention are set out below.

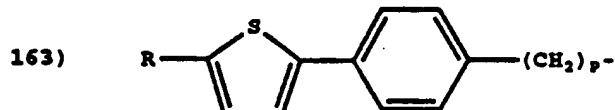
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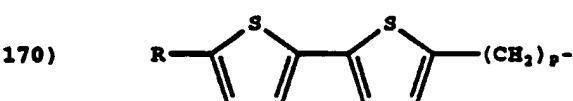
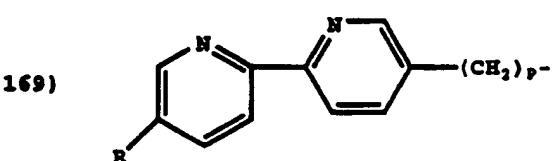
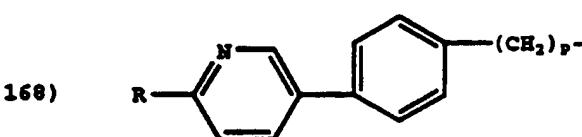
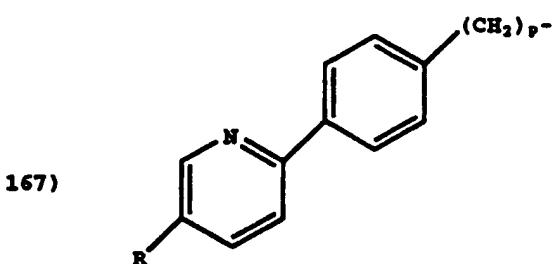
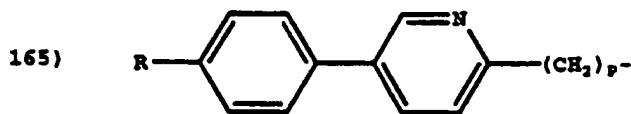
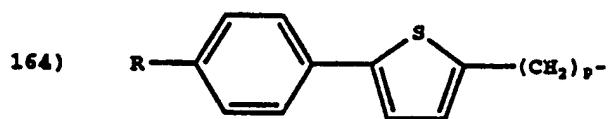
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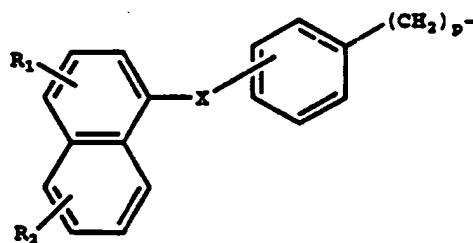
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R is as defined for 158) to 160).

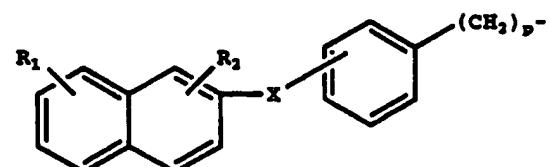
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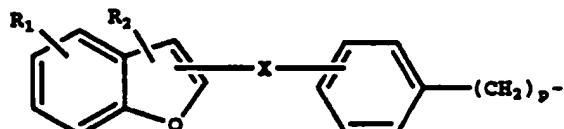
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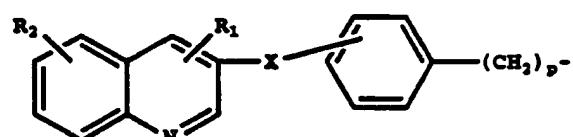
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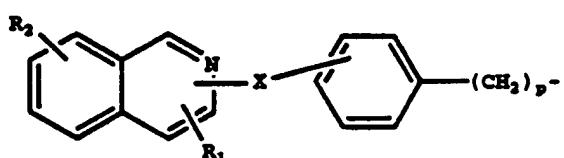
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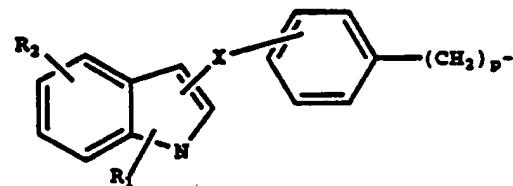
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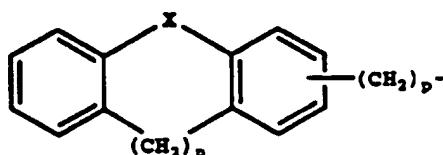
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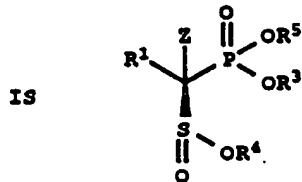
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5 X = bond, O, NH, S, CH₂, CR⁵R⁶

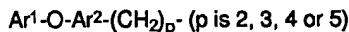
10 p = 1 to 8

15 n = 0 to 4; R₁, R₂, R₅ and R₆ are independently
halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, aryl, H, aryloxy;
for R⁵ and R⁶ halogen can be fluorine only, and R²,
R³ and R⁴ are as defined hereinbefore.

20 Preferred are compounds of the formula



30 wherein Z is H, R¹ is preferably Ar¹-O-Ar²-(CH₂)_p-, R³, R⁵ and R⁴ are H or an alkali metal such as K or Na.
More preferred are compounds of formula IS where R¹ is



40 R⁴ is an alkali metal such as K or Na, Z is H.

The compounds of Formula 1 of the invention inhibit cholesterol biosynthesis by inhibition of de novo squalene production. These compounds inhibit the squalene synthetase enzyme and, in addition, some of the compounds of Formula 1 of the invention inhibit other enzymes in the pathway from isopentenyl diphosphate to squalene, that is, farnesyl diphosphate synthetase and isopentenyl diphosphate-dimethylallyl diphosphate isomerase.

The compounds of the invention are useful in treating hyperlipoproteinemia, hyperlipidemia, hypercholesterolemia, hypertriglyceridemia, combined hypercholesterolemia and hypertriglyceridemia, and/or in preventing development of and/or treating atherosclerosis. Thus, the compounds of the invention may be used to treat diseases such as chylomicronemia syndrome, Type I hyperlipoproteinemia, familial combined hyperlipoproteinemia, familial hypertriglyceridemia, mixed hyperlipoproteinemia, familial hypercholesterolemia and Type III hyperlipoproteinemia and/or atherosclerosis.

In addition, the compounds of the invention may increase plasma high density lipoprotein cholesterol levels.

The compounds of the invention may also be useful in inhibiting formation of gallstones, treating hepatitis D (by virtue of protein prenyltransferase inhibition, Glenn et al, Science, Vol. 256, pp. 1331-1333, May 29, 1992), treating tumors, lowering blood pressure, lowering blood sugar, treating diabetes mellitus, treating inflammation, as a diuretic, as an inotropic agent, as an anti-arthritis (antirheumatic) agent, in treating other diseases of calcium and phosphate metabolism including treatment of bone resorption, Paget's disease, osteoporosis, calcification of joints, implants and metastasis, as antitartar and anticalculus agents in toothpastes and mouthwashes, treating various stones and calculi, treating sickle cell anemia, treating hypoxia and ischemic tissue, and as an anti-amebical agent, as well as for use in complexes with technetium-99m and radioiodinated derivatives for use as diagnostics.

50 U.S. application Serial No. 774,957, filed October 11, 1991, discloses that post-translational modification of CAAX box containing proteins may be inhibited by administering a protein-prenyl transferase inhibitor which inhibits the transfer of the prenyl group [such as farnesyl (in the case of ras oncogene products), geranyl or geranylgeranyl] to the cysteine of the CAAX box by the protein-prenyl transferase enzyme. The protein-prenyl transferase inhibitor will block the protein-prenyl transferase enzyme from catalyzing the transfer of the prenyl group (for example, farnesyl, geranyl or geranylgeranyl) from the prenyl pyrophosphate to the cys residue of the CAAX box, such as the ras p21 cys, or to the CAAX box cysteine of other CAAX box containing proteins. In the case of ras p21 oncogene products, inasmuch as the cys is not farnesylated, in the presence of the protein prenyl transferase inhibitor, it cannot effect interaction of the ras protein with the membrane so that neoplastic transformation of the cell will be prevented. In this manner protein-prenyl trans-

ferase inhibitors prevent neoplastic transformation of the cell, thereby acting as an anti-cancer agent for the treatment of and/or prevention of *ras*-related tumors.

Examples of CAAX box containing proteins which have been demonstrated or are believed to undergo prenylation include, but are not limited to, *rag*, nuclear lamins, α or γ subunits of heterotrimeric G-proteins, γ subunits of retinal transducin, G25K and K-rev p21, and protein families including rho, rap, rac, ral, and rab.

The present invention includes a method for blocking or preventing the prenylation of CAAX box containing proteins such as *ras* oncogene products, and thereby inhibit disease promoting effects of the CAAX box containing protein or more specifically prevent and/or treat *ras*-related tumors, by administering to a patient in need of treatment a therapeutic amount of a compound of Formula I of the invention which serves as a protein-prenyl transferase inhibitor.

The Formula I protein-prenyl transferase inhibitors, unlike HMG CoA reductase inhibitors, will interfere with prenylation of the *ras* oncogene products and inhibit their transforming activity, yet may or may not interfere with the synthesis of FPP, a precursor in the synthesis of ubiquinones, dolichols and Haem A.

The compounds of the invention may also be employed in combination with an antihyperlipoproteinemic agent, hypocholesterolemic agent, and/or hypotriglyceridemic agent, and/or antiatherosclerotic agent such as one or more HMG CoA reductase inhibitors, for example, pravastatin, lovastatin, simvastatin, velostatin, fluvastatin, rivotastatin, atorvastatin, compactin, SDZ-63,370 (Sandoz), CI-981 (W-L), HR-780, L-645,164, CL-274,471, dalvastatin, α -, β -, and γ -tocotrienol, (3R,5S,6E)-9,9-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-3,5-dihydroxy-8-(1-methyl-1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-6,8-nonadienoic acid, L-arginine salt, (S)-4-[[2-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-6-phenyl-3-pyridinyl]ethenyl]hydroxy-phosphinyl]-3-hydroxy-butanoic acid, disodium salt, BB-476, (British Biotechnology), dihydrocompactin, [4R-[4 α ,6 β (E)]]-6-[2-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(1-methylethyl)-1-(2-pyridinyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]ethenyl]tetrahydro-4-hydroxy-2H-pyran-2-one, and/or 1H-pyrrole-1-heptanoic acid, 2-(4-fluorophenyl)- β , δ -dihydroxy-5-(1-methylethyl)-3-phenyl-4-[(phenylamino)carbonyl]-calcium salt[R-(R * ,R *)]; one or more fibric acid derivatives such as clofibrate, bezafibrate, Lopid(gemfibrozil) one or more other cholesterol biosynthesis inhibitors, such as NB-598, N-(1-oxododecyl)-4 α -10-dimethyl-8-aza-trans-decal-3 β -ol, 2,4-undecadienoic acid, 11-[3-(hydroxymethyl)-4-oxo-2-oxetanyl]-3,5,7-trimethyl-, [2R-[2 α (2E,4E,7R *),3 β]]; one or more bile acid sequestrants, for example, cholestyramine, colestipol, polidexide (DEAE-Sephadex); one or more antioxidants, for example probucol and Vitamin E; and/or, one or more other lipid lowering and/or antiatherosclerotic agents, for example nicotinic acid or derivatives thereof, neomycin, p-aminosalicylic acid, probucol, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, LS-2904, ethanol, 2-[[1-methyl-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyl]amino]-benzoate (ester).

The above compounds to be employed in combination with the squalene synthetase inhibitor of the invention will be used in amounts as indicated in the Physicians' Desk Reference (PDR).

The compounds of the invention may also be employed with sodium lauryl sulfate of other pharmaceutically acceptable detergents to enhance oral bioavailability of such compounds.

Inhibition of squalene synthetase may be measured by the following procedure.

Rat liver microsomal squalene synthetase activity is measured using farnesyl diphosphate as substrate and quantitating squalene synthesis using gas chromatographic analysis. The assay was developed by modifying conditions originally described by Agnew (Methods in Enzymology 110:357, 1985).

A further aspect of the present invention is a pharmaceutical composition consisting of at least one of the compounds of the invention, such as Formula I, in association with a pharmaceutical vehicle or diluent. The pharmaceutical composition can be formulated employing conventional solid or liquid vehicles or diluents and pharmaceutical additives of a type appropriate to the mode of desired administration. The compounds can be administered to mammalian species including humans, monkeys, dogs, etc., by an oral route, for example, in the form of tablets, capsules, granules or powders, or they can be administered by a parenteral route in the form of injectable preparations. The dose for adults is preferably between 200 and 2,000 mg per day, which can be administered in a single dose or in the form of individual doses from 1-4 times per day.

A typical capsule for oral administration contains active ingredient (250 mg), lactose (75 mg) and magnesia stearate (15 mg). The mixture is passed through a 60 mesh sieve and packed into a No. 1 gelatin capsule.

A typical injectable preparation is produced by aseptically placing 250 mg of sterile active ingredient into a vial, aseptically freeze-drying and sealing. For use, the contents of the vial are mixed with 2 mL of physiological saline, to produce an injectable preparation.

The following Examples represent preferred embodiments of the present invention.

Introduction to Experimental

All temperatures are reported in degrees Centigrade.

^1H and ^{13}C chemical shifts are reported as δ - values with respect to Me_4Si (δ = 0). ^{31}P spectra were obtained using 85% H_3PO_4 as an external reference (δ = 0). Coupling constants J are reported in Hz. For mass spectra (mass spec or MS) the value utilized for the parent M is that of the salt form which was prepared and tested.

All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of dry argon or nitrogen. The following reagents and solvents were distilled prior to use from the indicated drying agents, where applicable: CH_2Cl_2 , hexamethyl disilazane, and diiso-

propylamine (CaH_2); THF and diethyl ether (K, benzophenone), oxalyl chloride. Benzene was passed through neutral alumina (activity I) and stored over 4A-molecular sieves. Lithium bromide was dried at 100°C over P_2O_5 (E,E)-Farnesol was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company.

TLC was performed on E. Merck Silica Gel 60 F-254 plates (0.25 mm) or E. Merck Cellulose F plates (0.1 mm).

5 Flash chromatography was carried out using E. Merck Kieselgel 60 (230-400 mesh).

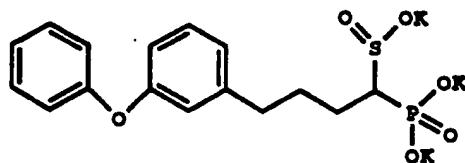
Reverse-phase chromatographic purification of salts or mixed ester salts was carried on CHP20P gel or SP207SS gel, highly porous, polystyrene-divinyl benzene copolymers available from Mitsubishi Chemical Industries. The indicated general procedure was followed: An FMI Model RP-SY pump was utilized for solvent delivery. A column of CHP20P or SP207SS (2.5 cm diameter, 12-22 cm height) was slurry packed and washed with water (500-1000 mL), and a basic, 10 aqueous solution of the crude salt was applied to the top of the column. Typically, the column was eluted with water, followed by a gradient composed of increasing concentrations of acetonitrile or methanol in water. The gradient was created by placing the tip of a tightly stoppered separatory funnel containing 300-500 mL of the organic solvent, or an 15 aqueous-organic mixture, just beneath the surface of a reservoir containing 300-500 mL of pure water. To start the gradient, the stopcock of the separatory funnel was opened, so that as the solvent was withdrawn by the pump from the reservoir, it was replaced with the solvent from the separatory funnel. HPLC-grade solvents were employed. Fractions were collected (10-15 mL each) at a flow rate of 5-10 mL per minute. Those fractions that contained pure product as 20 judged by TLC or HPLC were pooled, the organic solvents were evaporated and the aqueous residue was lyophilized to dryness.

25 Example I

3-Phenoxy- α -phosphonobenzenebutanesulfonic acid, tripotassium salt

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A. (E)-3-(3-Phenoxyphenyl)-2-propenoic acid, ethyl ester

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Triethyl phosphonoacetate (6.5 mL, 32.8 mmol) was added dropwise to a suspension of sodium hydride (0.73 g, 30.2 mmol) in THF (40 mL) at 0°C under argon. The ice bath was removed and the suspension was stirred at RT for 20 min, at which time a clear colorless solution resulted. The reaction solution was recooled to -78°C and a solution of 3-phenoxylbenzaldehyde (5.0 g, 25.2 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at -78°C for 45 min. After warming to RT, the reaction was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution. Diethyl ether (200 mL) was added, the organic layer was washed with H_2O (50 mL), brine (50 mL) and dried over MgSO_4 . Evaporation gave 4.0 g of title ester (96%) as a colorless oil.

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B. 3-Phenoxybenzenepropanoic acid, ethyl ester

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A mixture of Part A ester (6.5 g, 24.3 mmol) and palladium on carbon (10%, 300 mg) in ethyl acetate (50 mL) was stirred under a hydrogen atmosphere (balloon) overnight at RT. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite. Evaporation of filtrate gave a crude oil. Purification was performed by flash chromatography on 400 g silica gel, loaded and eluted with 10% ethyl acetate in hexane. Pure fractions were combined and evaporation gave 5.45 g of title ester (84%) as a colorless oil.

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C. 3-Phenoxybenzenepropanol

Lithium aluminum hydride solution (20.5 mL, 1M in THF, 20.5 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of Part B ester (5.45 g, 20.5 mmol) in THF (50 mL) at 0°C under argon. Stirring was continued for 10 min. Ethyl acetate (5 mL) was added until bubbling ceased. Ethyl ether (300 mL) was added and the organic layer was washed with 1N HCl solution (2 x 150 mL), H_2O (150 mL), saturated sodium bicarbonate (150 mL), and brine (150 mL), then dried over MgSO_4 . Evaporation gave a pale yellow oil. Purification was performed by flash chromatography on 500 g silica gel, loaded and

eluted with 15% ethyl acetate in hexane. Pure fractions were combined and evaporated to give 4.2 g of title alcohol (90%) as a colorless oil.

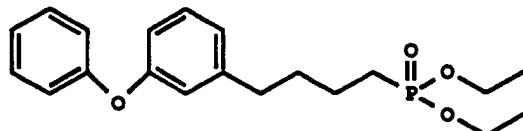
D. 1-(3-iodopropyl)-3-phenoxybenzene

5 Iodine (1.80 g, 7.24 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added to a mixture of Part C alcohol (1.5 g, 6.58 mmol), triphenylphosphine (1.90 g, 7.24 mmol) and imidazole (0.89 g, 13.2 mmol) in THF (15 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 20 min, then diluted with hexane (200 mL). The organic layer was washed with 10% sodium bisulfite (50 mL), saturated sodium bicarbonate (50 mL), brine (50 mL) and dried over MgSO_4 . The solvent was evaporated to 100 mL
10 volume, 10 g silica gel was added and the mixture was evaporated to dryness. Flash chromatography was performed on 100 g silica gel, loaded and eluted with hexane. Pure fractions were combined and evaporated to give 1.70 g of title iodide (76%) as a colorless oil.

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To a stirred solution of 2.88 g (18.6 mmol) of diethyl methylphosphonate in 20 mL of tetrahydrofuran (THF) under argon at -78°C was added dropwise 6.83 mL (17.1 mmol) of a 2.5 M solution of n-butyllithium in hexanes. After the reaction was stirred for one hour at -78°C, 5.0 g (15.5 mmol) of Part D iodide in 20 mL of THF was added and the solution was
30 allowed to warm to room temperature over 2 hours. The clear bright yellow solution was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride and diluted with ether. The organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried (sodium sulfate), and concentrated to provide 5.11 g of a yellow oil, which was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (250 g) packed and eluted with ethyl acetate. Fractions containing clean product were combined and concentrated to provide 4.57 g (62%) of title compound as a clear oil.

35 TLC Silica gel (ethyl acetate) R_f = 0.23.

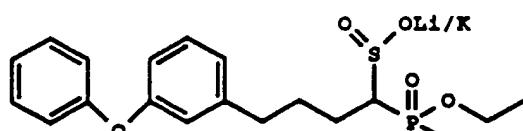
MS (Cl, + ions) m/z 363 (M+H).

IR (CH_2Cl_2 film) 2982, 2936, 2866, 1584, 1487, 1445, 1250, 1215, 1057, 1024, 959, 785, 694 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (CDCl_3) and ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3) spectra are consistent with desired product.

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To a stirred solution of 3 mL of THF and 464 mg (1.28 mmol) of Part E compound, which had been evaporated twice
55 from toluene, at -78°C under argon was treated dropwise with 563 μL (1.41 mmol) of a 2.5 M solution of n-butyllithium in hexanes. A stream of sulfur dioxide was condensed into a separate flask containing 10 mL of THF at -78°C until the total volume of the solution exceeded 15 mL. The solution of the anion was then added via cannula. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over 16 hours. Excess sulfur dioxide and solvent were removed under a stream of nitrogen and the residue was redissolved in methylene chloride and concentrated to afford 667 mg of a thick yellow

oil. The crude product was purified by MPLC on a column of CHP-20P gel (2.5 cm diameter x 21 cm height), eluting with water (100 mL), followed by a gradient formed by the gradual addition of 500 mL of acetonitrile to a reservoir of 450 mL of water. Approximately 10 mL fractions were collected. Pure fractions were combined and concentrated to give 413 mg (75%) of title compound, a mixed potassium and lithium salt, as a clear oil.

5 MS (Cl, + ions) m/z 503 (M-Li+2K) 471 (M+K), 465 (M-Li+H+K), 433 (M+H), where M is the lithium salt.

¹H NMR (CD₃OD) and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) spectra are consistent with desired product.

³¹P NMR (CDCl₃, 121 MHz) 528.0 ppm.

G. 3-Phenoxy- α -phosphonobenzenebutanesulfonic acid, tripotassium salt

10 A stirred solution of 391 mg (0.90 mmol) of Part F compound, which had been evaporated twice from toluene, in 2 mL of methylene chloride was treated sequentially with 0.95 mL (4.52 mmol) of hexamethyl disilazane and 0.72 mL (5.43 mmol) of trimethylsilyl bromide. The reaction was stirred at room temperature under argon for 24 hours, at which point the organics were removed under vacuum and the residue was dissolved in 2.71 mL of (2.71 mmol) of 1 N KOH and lyophilized. The solid was purified by MPLC on a column of CHP-20P gel (2.5 cm diameter x 21 cm height), eluting with water (100 mL), followed by a gradient formed by the gradual addition of 500 mL of acetonitrile to a reservoir of 450 mL of water. Approximately 10 mL fractions were collected. Pure fractions were combined and concentrated to provide 112 mg (25%) of a white lyophilate. The clean product was combined with 250 mg from another batch (derived from 957 mg (2.64 mmol) of part E compound) and passed through 10 g of AG50W-X8 gel which had been preequilibrated

20 to the potassium form. The fractions containing product were concentrated to provide 225 mg of title compound as a white lyophilate.

TLC Silica gel (6:3:1 n-propanol/ammonia/water)

R_f = 0.12.

MS (FAB, +ions) m/z 523 (M+K) 485 (M+H), 447 (M+2H-K), 409 (M-2K+3H).

25 IR (KBr) 2959, 2926, 1458, 1385, 1194, 1059 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (D₂O)

δ 7.31 (t, 1H, J = 7 Hz)

7.21 (t, 1H, J = 7 Hz)

7.13 (t, 1H, J = 7 Hz)

30 6.99 (d, 1H, J = 8 Hz)

6.94 (d, 1H, J = 8 Hz)

6.85 (s, 1H)

6.75 (dd, 1H, J = 8 and 2 Hz)

2.51 (t, 2H, J = 7 Hz)

35 2.18 (dt, 1H, J = 17 and 5 Hz)

1.79 (m, 2H)

1.60 (m, 2H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (D₂O)

δ 156.9

40 156.6

145.9

130.1

129.9

123.9

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118.7

115.9

69.2 (d, J = 122 Hz)

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31.6 (d, J = 5 Hz)

21.5 ppm.

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| Analysis Calcd. for C ₁₆ H ₁₆ O ₆ PSK ₃ + 4.2 H ₂ O | | | | |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Found: | C, 34.26; C, 33.96; | H, 4.40; H, 4.07; | P, 5.52; P, 5.14; | S, 5.72 S, 5.43. |

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Example II3-Phenoxy- α -phosphonobenzenebutanesulfonic acid, tripotassium salt

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To a stirred solution of 186 mg (0.46 mmol) of Example I Part F compound in 0.5 mL of methylene chloride was added 0.422 mL (2.0 mmol) of hexamethyldisilazane followed by 0.634 mL (4.8 mmol) of trimethylsilyl bromide. The reaction was stoppered and stirred at room temperature under argon. After 25 hours, the entire reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum, then re-treated with 0.5 mL of methylene chloride, 0.88 mL (5.53 mmol) of allyl trimethylsilane, and 0.73 mL (5.53 mmol) of trimethylsilyl bromide. After 10 hours, the reaction was treated with a further 0.37 mL of trimethylsilyl bromide. After a further 12 hours, the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and treated with 1.2 mL of 1N KOH, and applied onto a 15 x 100 mm column of CHP-20P gel. The column was eluted under medium pressure with 40 mL of water followed by 25 mL each of the following mixtures: 23:2, 21:4, 19:6, 17:8, 15:10, 13:12, and 11:14 water:acetonitrile. The product containing fractions were pooled and concentrated in vacuo to give 116 mg. This material was dissolved in a minimal amount of water and passed through a column of 12 g of AG50W-X8 (100-200 mesh) ion exchange resin that had been equilibrated to potassium form. Product containing fractions were pooled and lyophilized to afford 103 mg (46% yield) of the title compound.

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| Anal. Calcd for C ₁₆ H ₁₆ O ₆ PSK ₃ + 1.87 H ₂ O: | | | | |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Found: | C, 37.08; C, 37.40; | H, 3.84; H, 3.65; | P, 5.98; P, 5.60; | S, 6.19 S, 5.74. |

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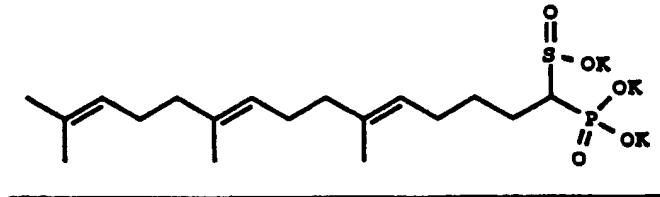
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Example III(E,E)-6,10,14-Trimethyl-1-phosphono-5,9,13-pentadecatriene-1-sulfinic acid, tripotassium salt

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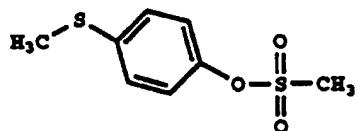
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To a solution of 25 g (0.18 mol, 1 eq) of 4-(methylmercapto)phenol in 500 mL of ether at -10°C was added 37 mL (0.27 mol, 1.5 eq) of triethylamine. After 5 min, a solution of 16.5 mL (0.21 mol, 1.2 eq) of methanesulfonyl chloride in 50 mL of ether was added dropwise over 2 h. The resulting cloudy yellow solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 5 h. The reaction was partitioned between ether (100 mL) and water (250 mL) and the resulting organic layer was washed with cold 1 N hydrochloric acid, saturated sodium bicarbonate, brine, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated to afford 41.4 g of a yellow-white solid. Recrystallization from hexanes/chloroform afforded 36.1 g (92%) of the title compound as a white crystalline solid; mp 73-74°C.

35 ^1H and ^{13}C NMR were consistent with the desired product.

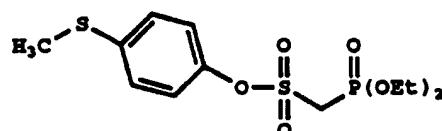
TLC Silica gel (25% ethyl acetate in hexanes):

R_f 0.24.

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To a solution of 160 mL (160 mmol, 1 eq) of potassium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (20% by weight in tetrahydrofuran (THF) from Callery Chem.) at -90°C (internal temperature) was added a solution of 35 g (160 mmol, 1 eq) of Part A compound in 110 mL of dry THF at a rate to keep the internal temperature below -85°C (addition took 45 min). The reaction was stirred for 5 min at -90°C, then 13 mL (89 mmol, 0.56 eq) of freshly distilled diethylchlorophosphosphate was added dropwise at a rate that kept the temperature below -72°C (addition took 10 min). After stirring at -65°C for 45 min, the reaction was quenched at -65°C by the addition of a solution of 9.2 mL (160 mmol, 1 eq) of acetic acid in 10 mL of THF over 5 min. The resulting solution was warmed to room temperature and the majority of the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was partitioned between dichloromethane (500 mL) and water (200 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane and the combined organic layers were dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated to afford 45.5 g of a yellow

solid. Flash chromatography on silica gel (800 g) packed and eluted with 35% hexanes in ethyl acetate afforded 16.7 g (53%) of title compound as a pale yellow oil.

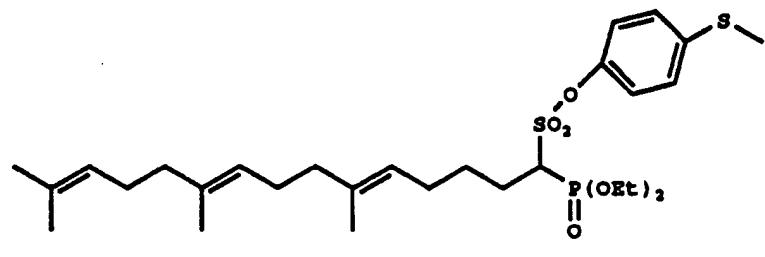
¹H and ¹³C NMR, IR and MS were consistent with the desired product.

TLC Silica gel (10% ether in dichloromethane):

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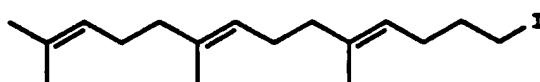
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To a suspension of 777 mg (19.4 mmol, 2 eq) of sodium hydride (60% mineral oil dispersion) in 4 mL of dry dimethylformamide (DMF) at 0°C was added a solution of 7.08 g (20.0 mmol, 1.44 eq) of Part B compound in 8 mL of dry DMF. The heterogeneous bubbling solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 30 min. To the resulting homogeneous yellow solution was added 5.0 g (13.9 mmol, 1 eq) of neat iodide

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over 2 min and the reaction was stirred for 39 h at room temperature. The reaction was diluted with water and extracted with ether (5x). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried ($MgSO_4$) and concentrated to afford 9.83 g of a yellow oil. Flash chromatography on silica gel (700 g) eluting with 35% ethyl acetate in hexanes afforded 6.48 g (80%) of title compound as a clear light yellow oil.

¹H and ¹³C NMR, IR and MS were consistent with the desired product.

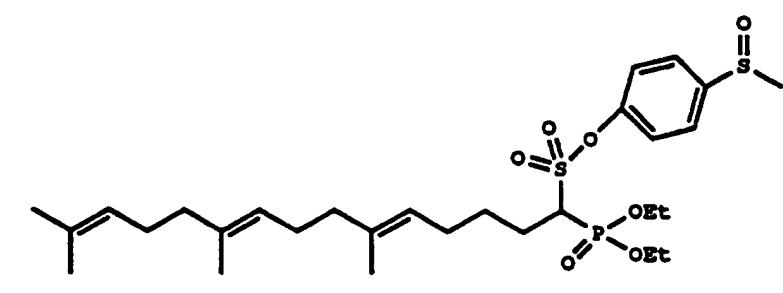
TLC Silica gel (10% ether in hexanes): R_f 0.54.

MS (Cl, + ions) M/Z 587 (M+H)

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To a solution of 1.0 g (1.7 mmol, 1 eq) of Part C compound in 20 mL of EtOH at 0°C was added 1.43 g (17 mmol, 10 eq) of NaHCO₃. To this heterogeneous mixture was added a solution of 1.1 g (1.8 mmol, 1.05 eq) Oxone® in 6 mL of water in 500 μ portions over 1.5 h. The reaction was diluted with water and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (5x). The organic

solution was dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated to afford 995 mg of a clear oil. Flash chromatography on silica gel (75 g) packed and eluted with 2% MeOH in CH_2Cl_2 afforded 747 mg (73%) of title compound as a clear oil.

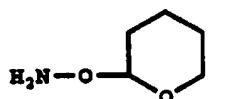
MS (Cl, + ions) M/Z 603 (M+H)

^1H and ^{13}C NMR and IR were consistent with the desired product.

5 TLC Silica gel (5% MeOH in CH_2Cl_2): R_f 0.29.

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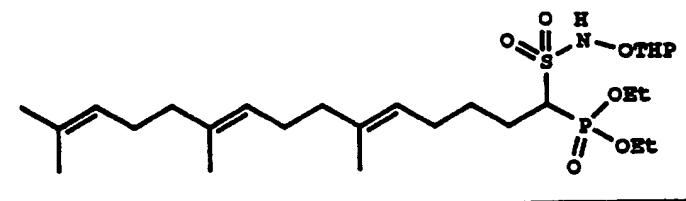
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The above compound (H_2NTHP) was prepared as described by Warrener et al, "Synthesis of 1-Hydroxy-2-thiouracil", Angew. Chem. Internat. Edit./Vol. 5 (1966) No. 5, p. 511.

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To a solution of 450 mg (0.75 mmol, 1 eq) of Part D compound in 3 mL of toluene was added 437 mg (3.73 mmol, 5 eq) 35 of Part E compound and the resulting solution was stirred at 75°C for 22 h. The reaction was diluted with ether, washed with 5% KHSO_4 , brine, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated to afford 408 mg of a cloudy oil. Flash chromatography on silica gel (50 g) packed and eluted with 2% MeOH in CH_2Cl_2 afforded 381 mg (90%) of title compound, a mixture of two diastereomers, as a clear, colorless oil.

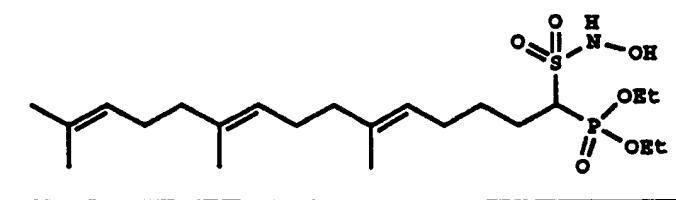
MS (Cl, + ions) M/Z 564 (M+H)

40 ^1H and ^{13}C NMR and IR were consistent with the desired product.

TLC Silica gel (5% MeOH in CH_2Cl_2): R_f 0.58 and 0.66.

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To a solution of 435 mg (0.77 mmol, 1 eq) of Part F compound in 3.5 mL of MeOH at room temperature was added 213 mg (0.85 mmol, 1.1 eq) of pyridinium *para*-toluenesulfonate. The reaction was heated at 40°C for 90 h. The reaction was cooled and concentrated to afford 730 mg of a yellow oil. Flash chromatography on silica gel (25 g) packed and eluted with 2% MeOH in CH_2Cl_2 afforded 227 mg (61%) of title compound as a clear oil.

¹H and ¹³C NMR and IR were consistent with the desired product.

MS (Cl, + ions) M/Z 497 (M+NH₄)

TLC Silica gel (5% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂): R_f 0.50.

5 H. (E,E)-6,10,14-Trimethyl-1-phosphono-5,9,13-pentadecatriene-1-sulfinic acid, tripotassium salt

To a solution of 140 mg (0.29 mmol, 1 eq) of Part G compound in 3 mL of CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature was added 308 μ L (1.5 mmol, 5 eq) of hexamethyldisilazane followed by 385 μ L (2.9 mmol, 10 eq) of bromotrimethylsilane and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 40 h. The reaction was concentrated and the residue was dissolved in 1.5

10 mL (4 eq) of 1 M potassium hydroxide followed by 2 mL of water, frozen and lyophilized. The crude lyophilate was purified by MPLC on a column of CHP20P gel (2.5 cm x 25 cm) eluting initially with 200 mL of water followed by 500 mL of 15% aqueous acetonitrile. Fractions containing clean product by HPLC were pooled, concentrated, filtered and lyophilized to afford 54 mg (33%) of title compound as a white lyophilate.

TLC silica gel (5:4:1 n-propanol:ammonium hydroxide:water): R_f 0.48.

15 ¹H NMR (D₂O):

δ 5.17 (t, J=7 Hz)

5.07 (t, J=7 Hz)

5.02 (t, J=7 Hz)

2.12 (dt, J=17 and 6 Hz)

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1.79 (m, 2 H)

1.54 (s, 3 H)

1.50 (s, 3 H)

1.47 (s, 6 H)

25 1.43 (m, 2H) ppm.

MS (FAB, + ions): m/z 545 (M+K), 507 (M+H), 469 (M-K+2H).

Anal. Calcd. for C₂₁H₁₉NO₈PSK₃ + 3.0 H₂O:

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| | C, 38.48; | H, 6.64; | S, 5.71 |
| Found: | C, 38.28; | H, 6.61; | S, 5.62. |

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Examples 1 to 177

Examples 1 to 177 compounds of the invention set out above may be prepared following the procedures described 40 herein and in Examples I and II.

Claims

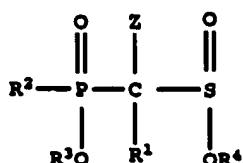
1. An α -phosphonosulfinate having a lipophilic group containing at least 7 carbon atoms.

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2. The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein the lipophilic group is linked to a carbon atom bridging phosphorus and sulfur atoms.

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3. A compound having the structure



wherein R₂ is OR⁵ or R^{5a},

R³ and R⁵ are independently H, alkyl, arylalkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, metal ion or other pharmaceutically acceptable cation or salt;

R^{5a} is alkyl, arylalkyl or aryl;

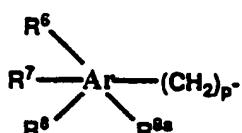
R⁴ is H, metal ion, or other pharmaceutically acceptable cation or salt;

R¹ is a lipophilic group containing at least 7 carbons;

Z is H, halogen, lower alkyl or lower alkenyl;

including all stereoisomers and enantiomers thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

4. The compound as defined in Claim 3 wherein R¹ is alkyl containing 7 to 25 carbons in the chain; alkenyl containing from 7 to 25 carbons in the chain and from 1 to 6 double bonds; alkynyl containing 7 to 25 carbons in the chain and 1 to 6 triple bonds; mixed alkenyl-alkynyl containing 1 to 5 double bonds and 1 to 5 triple bonds; aryl; cycloheteroalkyl linked through a carbon on the ring or a heteroatom; cycloalkyl; heteroarylalkyl; cycloalkylalkyl; heteroaryl; cycloheteroalkylalkyl; wherein any of the above groups may be optionally substituted; or R¹ is a group of the structure

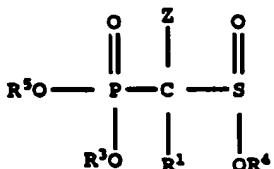


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wherein Ar is aryl or heteroaryl, and Ar may include one to three additional rings fused to Ar, and wherein (CH₂)_p contains from 1 to 15 carbons in the chain and may include 0, 1, 2 or 3 double bonds and/or 0, 1, 2 or 3 triple bonds in the normal chain, and may contain an ether or amino function in the chain, and/or may include 0, 1, 2 or 3 substituents as defined below for R⁶; and R⁶, R⁷, R⁸ and R^{8a} are the same or different and are H, alkyl containing 1 to 40 carbons, alkoxy containing 1 to 40 carbons, alkenyl containing 2 to 40 carbons, alkenyloxy containing 2 to 40 carbons, alkynyl containing 2 to 40 carbons, alkynyoxy containing 2 to 40 carbons, hydroxy, halogen, nitro, amino, thiol, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, carboxy, alkoxy carbonyl, aminocarbonyl, alkyl carbonyloxy, alkyl carbonylamino, cycloheteroalkyl, cycloheteroalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, Ar-alkyl, ArO, Ar-amino, Ar, Ar-thio, Ar-sulfinyl, Ar-sulfonyl, cyano, Ar-carbonyloxy, or Ar-carbonylamino.

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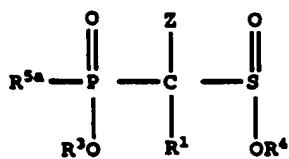
5. The compound as defined in Claim 3 or 4 having the structure



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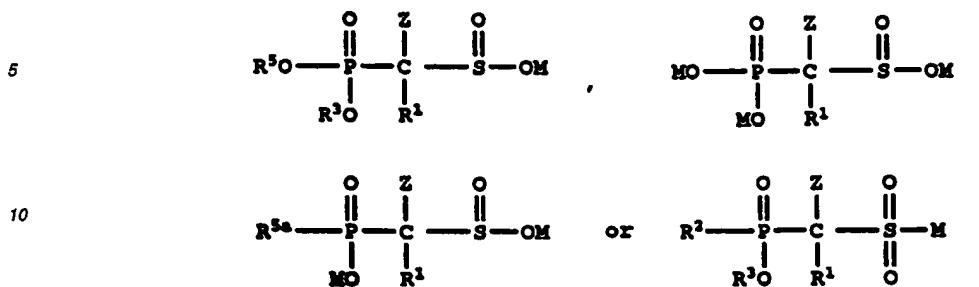
6. The compound as defined in Claim 3 or 4 having the structure



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7. The compound as defined in any of Claims 3 to 6 wherein Z is H.

8. The compound as defined in Claim 3 having the structure



9. The compound as defined in any of Claims 4 to 8 wherein one or more of R³, R⁴ and R⁵ (where present) are an alkali metal ion or an alkaline earth metal ion, or other pharmaceutically acceptable cation, or one or more of R³, R⁴ and R⁵ (where present) are H or R³ and R⁵ (where present) are lower alkyl and/or H.

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10. The compound as defined in any of Claims 4 to 9 wherein at least one of R⁶, R⁷ and R⁸ is aryl, alkenyl, alkenyloxy, alkynyl, alkynyoxy or aryloxy.

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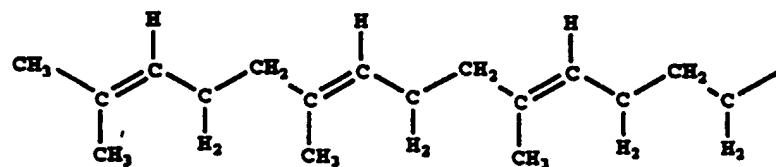
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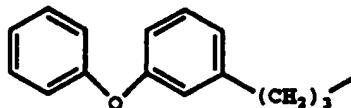
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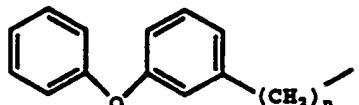
11. The compound as defined in Claim 3 wherein R¹ is



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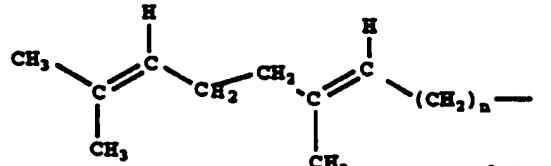
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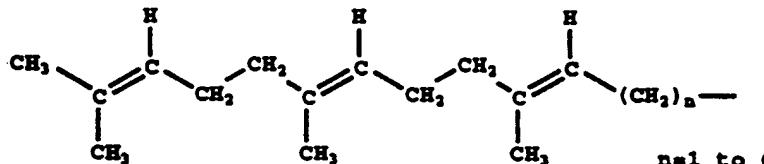
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n=3 to 10

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n=1 to 6

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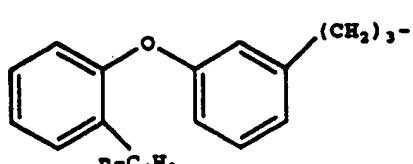
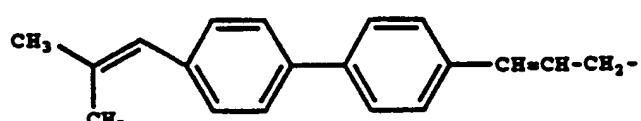
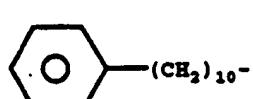
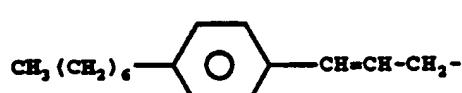
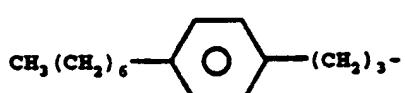
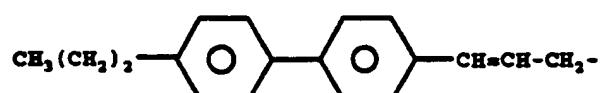
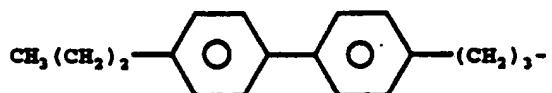
12. The compound as defined in any of Claims 3 to 11 wherein R² is OR⁵; R⁵, R³ and R⁴ are each a metal ion or H and Z is H.

45 13. The compound as defined in Claim 3 wherein R¹ is alkenyl, alkyl, phenylalkyl, biphenylalkyl, biphenylalkenyl, terphenylalkyl, terphenylalkenyl, phenylalkenyl, 2-naphthalenylalkyl, 2-naphthalenyl-4-phenylalkyl, phenoxyalkyl, phenoxyphenylalkyl, phenoxyphenylalkenyl, pyridylbiphenylalkyl and pyridylbiphenylalkenyl.

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14. The compound as defined in Claim 13 wherein R¹ is

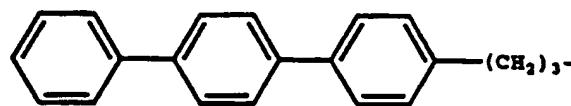


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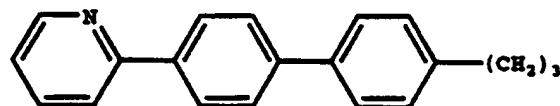
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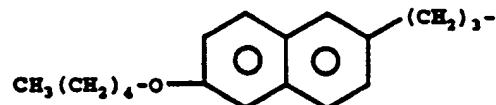
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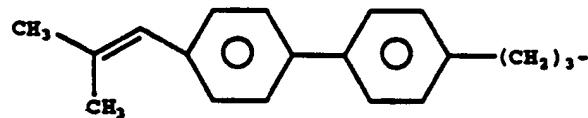
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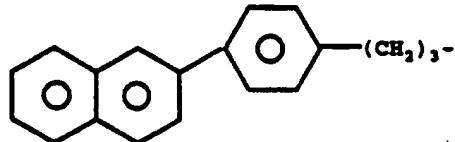
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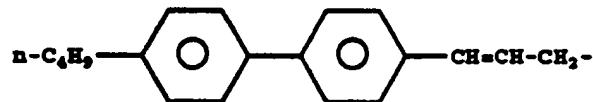
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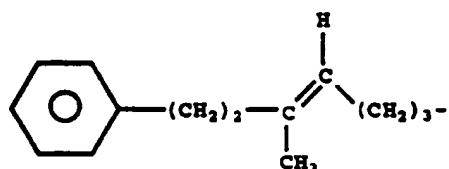
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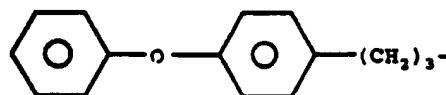
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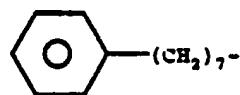
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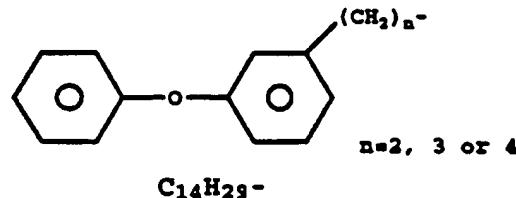
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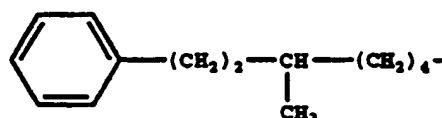
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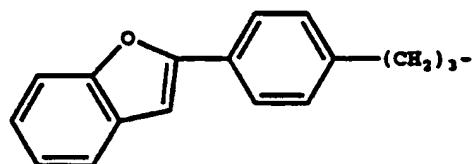
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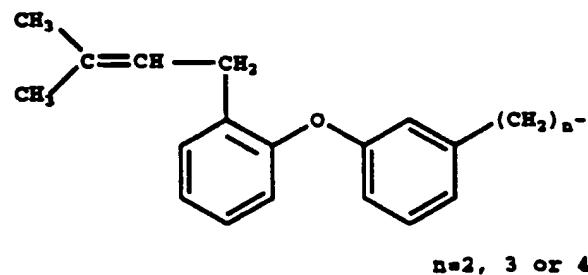
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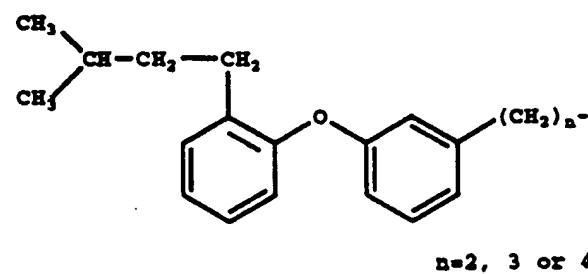
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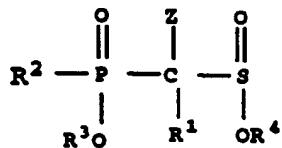
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15. The compound as defined in Claim 3 which is 3-phenoxy- α -phosphonobenzenebutanesulfinic acid or an ester thereof, salt thereof, or a mixed ester-salt thereof; or (E,E)-6,10-14-trimethyl-1-phosphono-5,9,13-pentadecatriene-1-sulfinic acid, or an ester thereof, salt thereof, or a mixed ester-salt thereof.

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16. A compound having the structure



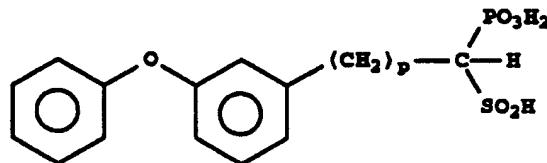
10 wherein R² is OR⁵ or R^{5a},
 R³ and R⁵ are independently H, alkyl, arylalkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, metal ion or other pharmaceutically acceptable salt;
 R^{5a} is alkyl, arylalkyl or aryl;
 15 R⁴ is H, metal ion, or other pharmaceutically acceptable salt;
 R¹ is Ar¹-O-Ar²-(CH₂)_p-, wherein Ar¹ is an aryl group and Ar² is an aryl group, and p is 1 to 15; and
 Z is H, halogen, lower alkyl or lower alkenyl.

17. The compound as defined in Claim 16 wherein Ar¹ and Ar² are independently a monocyclic or bicyclic aromatic group containing from 6 to 10 carbons in the ring portion.

20 18. The compound as defined in Claim 17 wherein Ar¹ and Ar² are independently selected from phenyl, naphthyl, or phenyl or naphthyl substituted with 1 to 4 substituents which are alkyl, halogen, alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, alkanoylamino, arylcarbonylamino, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, alkylamido, nitro, cyano, thiol, alkylthio, alkenyl, alkenyloxy, alkynyl, alkynyoxy, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, carboxy, alkoxy carbonyl, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, 25 alkylcarbonylamino, cycloheteroalkyl, cycloheteroalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, cycloalkylalkyl, ArO, Ar-amino, Ar-thio, Ar-sulfinyl, Ar-sulfonyl or Ar-carbonyloxy.

19. The compound as defined in Claim 16 wherein Ar¹-O-Ar²-(CH₂)_p- is phenoxyphenylalkyl or phenoxyphenylalkenyl.

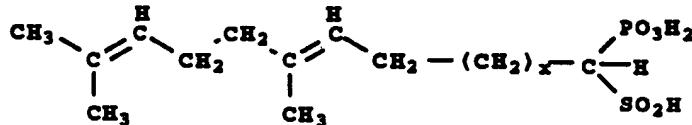
30 20. The compound as defined in Claim 16 having the formula



40 where p is 2, 3, 4 or 5 or an ester thereof, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a mixed ester-salt thereof.

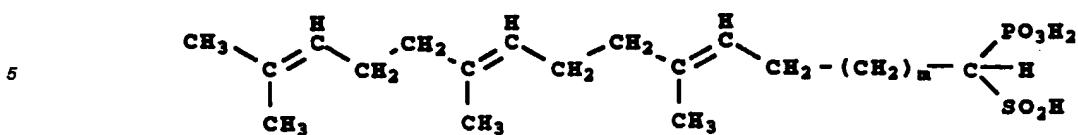
21. A compound as defined in Claim 20 having the name 3-phenoxy- α -phosphonobenzenebutane-sulfonic acid, or an ester thereof, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a mixed ester salt.

45 22. Compounds of Claim 4 having the structure

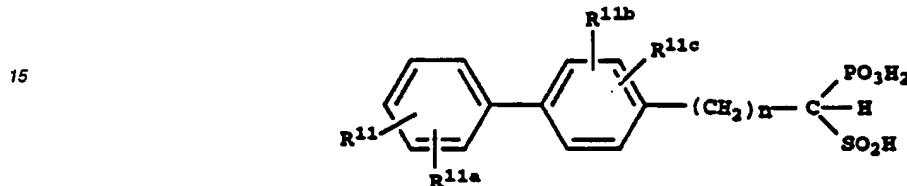


wherein x is 1 to 8

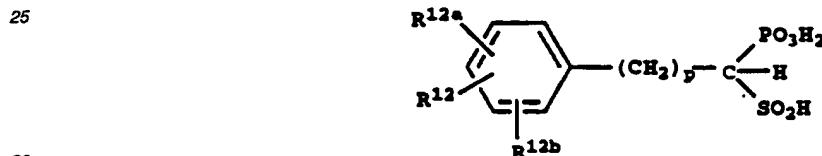
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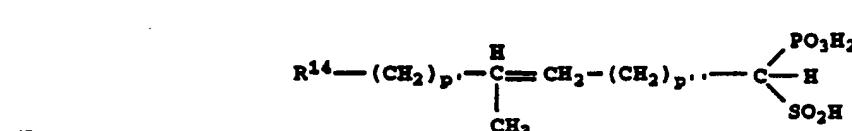
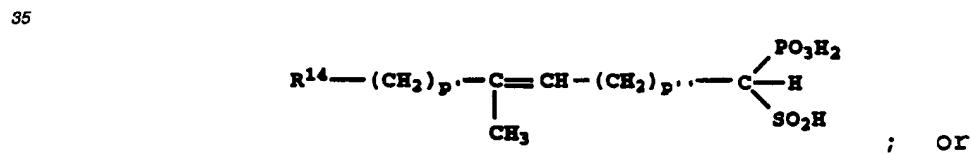
10 wherein m is 1 to 5;
or



20 wherein n = 1 to 15;
R11, R11a, R11b, and R11c are independently selected from H, alkyl, halo, alkoxy, alkenyl;



30 wherein R12, R12a and R12b are independently selected from H, aryl, alkylphenyl, alkyl containing 1 to 20 carbons, halo, alkoxy, alkenyl, arylalkyloxy, alkenyloxy, aryloxy, phenylalkyl, alkylphenoxy, alkenylphenyl; or



45 wherein R14 is aryl, heteroaryl, aryloxy, heteroaryloxy, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, and p' and p" are independently 1 to 4; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, an ester thereof or a mixed ester-salt thereof.

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23. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any of Claims 1 to 22 as active ingredient and a pharmaceutically inert excipient.

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24. A pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 23 for use in inhibiting cholesterol biosynthesis, or inhibiting and or treating hyperlipemia, hyperlipidemia, hyperlipoproteinemia, hypercholesterolemia, and/or hypertriglyceridemia, or inhibiting and/or treating atherosclerosis.

25. A pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 24, additionally containing an antihyperlipoproteinemic agent, antihypercholesterolemic agent, antihypertriglyceridemic agent and/or an antiatherosclerotic agent.

26. A pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 25 wherein the antihyperlipoproteinemic agent, antihypercholesterolemic agent, antihypertriglyceridemic agent and/or antiatherosclerotic agent is a fibrin acid derivative, an HMG CoA reductase inhibitor, a cholesterol biosynthesis inhibitor, a bile acid sequestrant, another squalene synthetase inhibitor, an antioxidant, and/or other lipid lowering and/or antiatherosclerotic agent.

5 27. The pharmaceutical composition to Claim 26 wherein the HMG CoA reductase inhibitor is pravastatin, lovastatin, simvastatin, velostatin, fluvastatin, rivastatin, compactin, SDZ-63,370 (Sandoz), CI-981 (W-L), atorvastatin, HR-780, L-645,164, CL274,471, dalcavastatin, or α , β -, or γ -tocotrienol, (3R,5S,6E)-9,9-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-3,5-dihydroxy-8-(1-methyl-1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-6,8-nonadienoic acid, L-arginine salt; (S)-4-[2-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-6-phenyl-3-pyridinyl]ethenyl]-hydroxyphosphiny]-3-hydroxybutanoic acid, disodium salt; BB-467 (British Biotechnology); dihydrocompactin; [4R-[4 α ,6 β (E)]]-6-[2-[5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(1-methylethyl)-1-(2-pyridinyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]ethenyl]tetrahydro-4-hydroxy-2H-pyran-2-one, and/or 1H-pyrrole-1-heptanoic acid, 2-(4-fluorophenyl)- β , δ -dihydroxy-5-(1-methylethyl)-3-phenyl-4-[(phenylamino)carbonyl]calcium salt[R-(R * ,R *)]; the fibrin acid derivative is clofibrate, bezafibrate, gemfibrozil; the other cholesterol biosynthesis inhibitor is NB-598, N-(1-oxododecyl)-4 α 10-dimethyl-8-aza-trans-decal-3 β -ol, or 2,4-undecadienoic acid, 11-[3-(hydroxymethyl)-4-oxo-2-oxetanyl]-3,5,7-trimethyl-, [2R-[2 α (2E,4E,7R *),3 β]]; the bile acid sequestrant is cholestyramine, colestipol, or polidexide (DEAE-Sephadex); the antioxidant is probucol or Vitamin E; the other lipid lowering and/or antiatherosclerotic agent is nicotinic acid or derivatives thereof, neomycin, p-aminosalicylic acid, probucol, hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose, LS-2904, an ethanol 2-[[1-methyl-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyl]amino]benzoate (ester).

10 28. A pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 23 comprising cholesterol lowering agent and/or a triglyceride lowering agent which is an antihyperlipoproteinemic agent, and/or antiatherosclerotic agent.

20 29. A pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 23 for inhibiting and/or treating atherosclerosis resulting from hypertriglyceridemia.

30 30. A pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 23 for treating and/or preventing ras-related tumors, blocking the farnesylation of ras oncogene products, blocking neoplastic transformation induced by ras oncogenes, or preventing prenylation of the cys residue of the CAAX box of a ras protein to prevent ras oncogene activity.

35 31. A pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 23 for treating and/or preventing ras-related tumors or diseases caused by other related CAAX box containing proteins, or for preventing prenylation of CAAX box containing proteins to inhibit the disease promoting effects of that protein, by blocking the prenylation of ras oncogene products or related CAAX box containing proteins by blocking the enzyme protein-prenyl transferase from catalyzing the transfer of the prenyl group from the prenyl pyrophosphate to the cysteine of the CAAX box, whereby the prenylation of ras oncogene products or related CAAX box containing proteins is blocked by a compound as defined in any of claims 1 to 22.

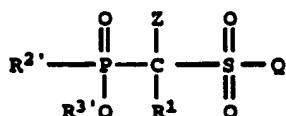
40 32. A pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 23 for preventing or treating hepatitis D.

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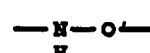
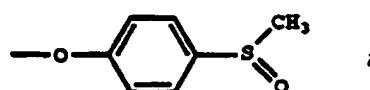
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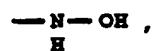
33. A compound having the structure



where Q is



Protecting Group (PG); or

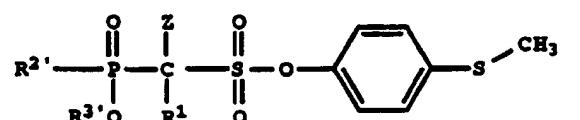


25 R² is R^{5a} or OR⁵ where R⁵ is alkyl, arylalkyl, aryl or cycloalkyl, and R³ is alkyl, arylalkyl, aryl or cycloalkyl.

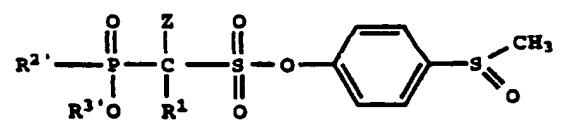
34. A method for preparing compound as defined in Claim 3 having the structure



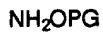
35 wherein M is H, a metal ion or other pharmaceutically acceptable cation and R⁵ is alkyl, arylalkyl, aryl or cycloalkyl, which comprises providing a phosphonosulfonate of the structure



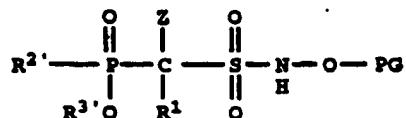
45 where R² is R^{5a} or OR⁵, and R⁵ is alkyl, arylalkyl, aryl or cycloalkyl, and R³ is alkyl, arylalkyl, aryl or cycloalkyl, reacting the phosphonosulfonate with an oxidizing agent to form the phosphonosulfonate sulfoxide of the structure



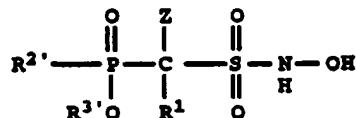
55 reacting the above phosphonosulfonatesulfoxide with an amine of the structure



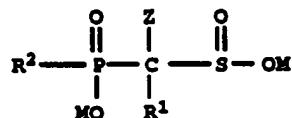
where PG represents a protecting group, to form a protected hydroxamic acid of the structure



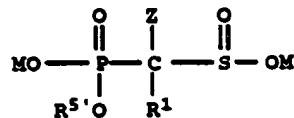
10 reacting the protected hydroxamic acid with a deprotecting agent to form the hydroxamic acid of the structure



20 and treating the hydroxamic acid with a silyl bromide or iodide and then with water and/or a base to form the compound of the structure

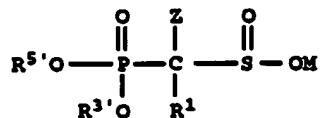


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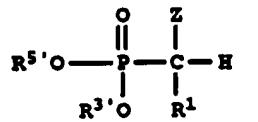
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35. A method for preparing a phosphonosulfinate as defined in Claim 3 having the structure



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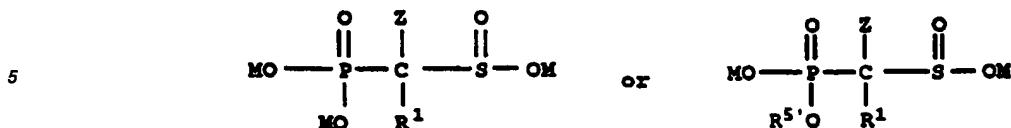
wherein R⁵' is alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or cycloalkyl, and R³' is alkyl, arylalkyl, aryl or cycloalkyl, and M is H, a metal ion or other pharmaceutically acceptable cation, which comprises providing a compound of the structure



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treating the above compound with a base and a sulfinating agent to form the phosphonosulfinate.

36. A method for preparing a phosphonosulfinate as defined in Claim 3 having the structure



10 wherein M is H, a metal ion or other pharmaceutical acceptable cation which comprises providing a compound of the structure



20 wherein R3' and R5' are independently alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl or cycloalkyl and M is H, a metal ion or other pharmaceutically acceptable cation, and treating the phosphonosulfinate with a silyl bromide or silyl iodide followed by water and/or a strong base to form the phosphonosulfinate.

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